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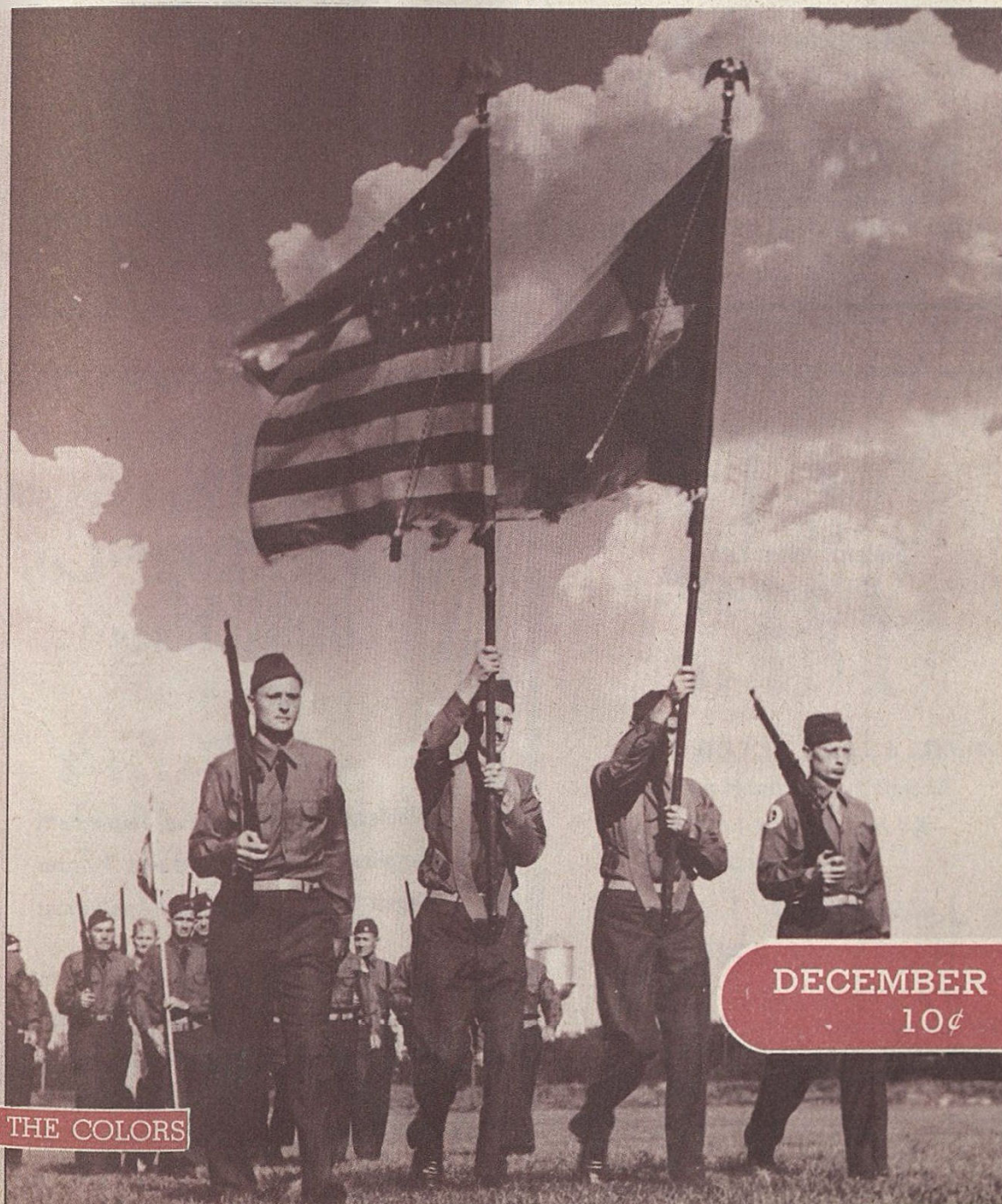
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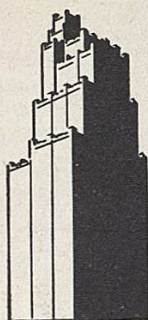
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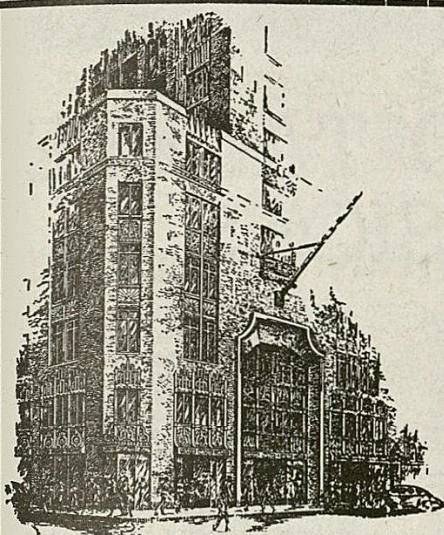
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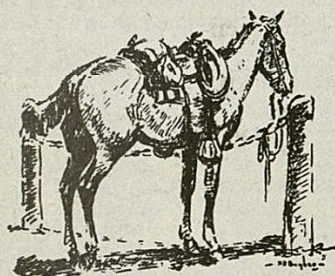
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GUARD READY TO TACKLE TOUGHER MISSIONS

By Lt. Col. George D. Thomas

Realizing that the mobilization plans which were on file in all the Unit Headquarters were inadequate to cope with various situations that could possibly confront the Texas State Guard, General Knickerbocker conceived a program of alert planning which would prepare the Texas State Guard for any eventuality three months prior to the Beaumont incident. This program finally resulted in the design of two different types of alert planning and mobilization training exercises for all of the fifty-one battalions of the Texas State Guard.

The plan contemplated the organization of battalions into Task Forces to consist of from one to any number of separate units. The Task Force Commander and the Task Force staff were composed of officers who are on active duty with the Adjutant General's Department who have all attended a full summer of intensive staff training in connection with the Task Force plan.

In order to simulate as nearly as possible actual Task Force conditions, and in order that the maximum amount of individual training might be given to the units involved, the Task Force staff spent an entire week in each mobilization district working with the individual unit commanders and arranging for the testing of the Task Force Alert Plan on the Mobilization Training Exercise held on the week-end.

No Transportation Difficulties

There were surprisingly few difficulties encountered in connection with the accomplishment of this training mission. Transportation, which was in the great majority of cases by personally owned automobiles, was no difficulty at all. Local boards, when approached on a rationing request, without exception assisted wholeheartedly. Many Ration Boards were acquainted with the normal training activities of the Texas State Guard through this contact and will unquestionably be more sympathetic to the request of local unit commanders in the future.

Beginning on May 28-30 with the 5th, 6th and 45th Battalions, the series of exercises was conducted in successive week-ends through October 30-31 when

the six battalions of the Houston area bivouacked on the historic San Jacinto Battlefield.

While the same general plan was used in all the problems, the design was flexible enough to allow for accessibility to bivouac areas and objectives.

All of the exercises were conducted, first, as a Task Force requiring movement outside local defense areas; second, unit commanders were required to learn the procedure of billeting and bivouacking their commands, many times in strange localities; third, the tactical exercises usually consisted of a motor reconnaissance patrol and from that, a tactical development usually contemplating the defense of strategic airdrome against enemy troops or the wresting from enemy hands of a strategic airdrome. In some cases, this resulted in the employment of four to six battalions and in several instances the program evolved into an intricate double envelopment problem.

In summarizing the training accomplished through this series of exercises, we find the development of two important trends. First, the officer personnel of the Texas State Guard assumed a logical and practical attitude in connection with the logistics of their commands, and second, they enjoyed a clearer understanding of the tactical employment of larger bodies of mobile units. This forward step in training will be of invaluable aid if the necessity of active duty arises. Every officer and every man found out that "they could do it."

It was found that all units of the Texas State Guard could actually alert their men and employ the weapons and equipment that they have available to them. Prompt submission of correct reports from battalion commanders throughout the State indicate that the majority of the unit commanders have learned their lessons well and that the Task Force alert plan is really a living thing.

From the standpoint of the officers composing the Task Force Staffs, the extent of training, the condition of arms and equipment

and the enthusiasm of the men was a most gratifying phase of the exercises. In addition to the training mission accomplished, the most significant thing was the cordial relationship established with regular Army officers who worked in conjunction with Task Force Staffs as umpires, instructors and observers. Their enthusiastic cooperation and personal interest evidenced in the Guard will long remain an inspiration to the rank and file.

Without exception umpires conducting critiques registered high regard and were most complimentary in their commendation of the excellent manner in which the problems were carried out, and while some criticism was naturally forthcoming, it is believed that as a whole the Texas State Guard gained considerable stature through their performance in the presence of regular Army officers and the enlisted personnel assisting them.

Through arrangements by local Unit Commanders and liaison maintained by Major E. B. Germany, Air Officer for the Task Force Staff, cooperation of the Civil Air Patrol was obtained for all exercises which afforded valuable training in defense against air attack. It is indicated that this phase of training was particularly beneficial, as the umpires stressed the lack of preparation and practical application of this phase in most of their critiques. Too much credit cannot be given the Civil Air Patrol for their unflinching interest in our problems.

Because of the difficulty in maintaining communications between units, particularly where four and six battalions were employed, the aid rendered by the State Highway Patrol in making available their radio cars was to a large extent responsible for the outstanding success of the development of the attacks in all problems. In some instances, it was proven that State Guard Units, State Highway Patrol cars, City Police radio vehicles and County radio cars could be used in conjunction with one another on a common objective.

It is felt that in addition to the accomplishment of the training missions,



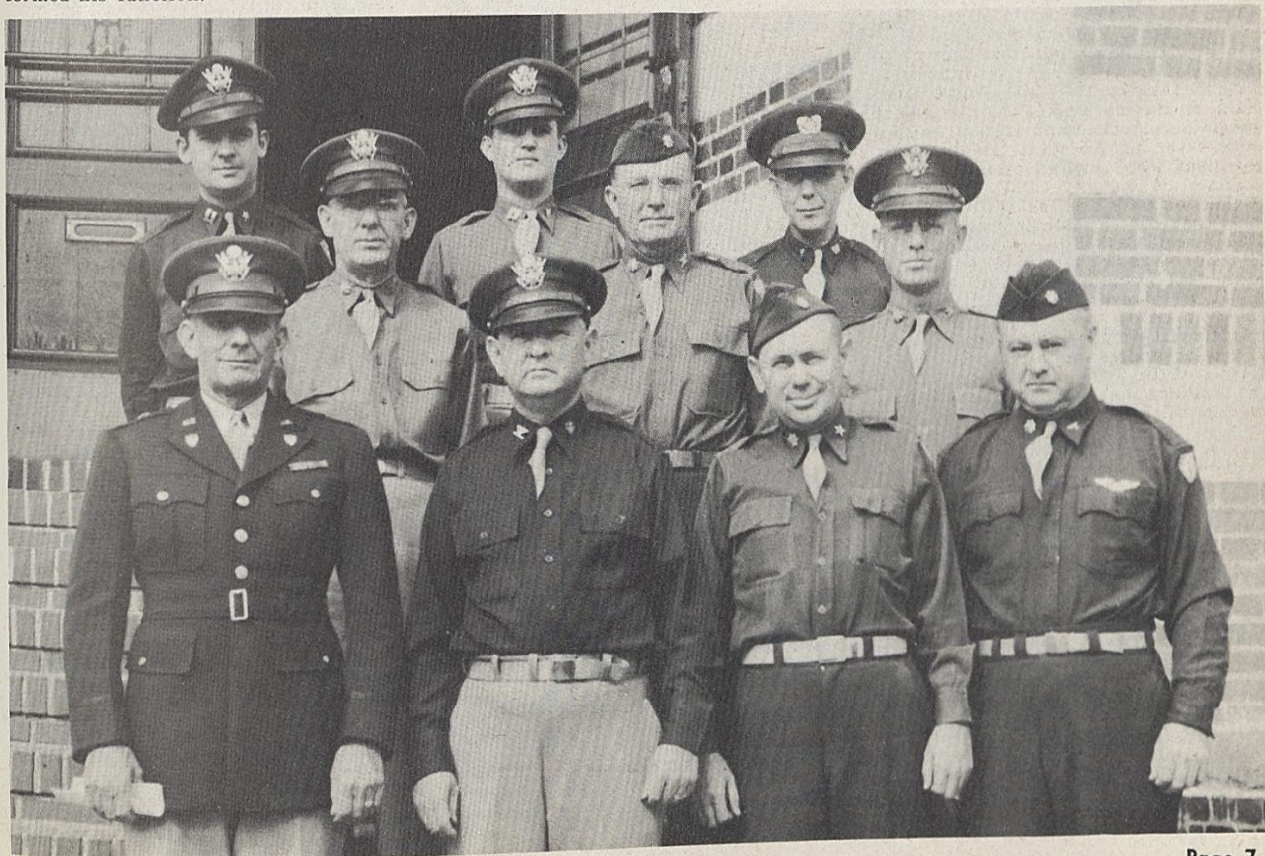
Here most of the 1000-odd Texas State Guardsmen on the Houston Area Task Force maneuver pose at the base of the historic San Jacinto monument at the San Jacinto Battleground, base for the maneuver. Shown here are troops of the Second, Seventh and 49th Battalions. The 22nd Battalion was not present since they were the enemy, and the 48th Marine Battalion was not present because all-night guard duty made it impossible for them to report at the early hour the photograph was taken. Shown with the soldiers of the Texas State Guard are members of the Houston Police Department, the Texas Highway Patrol, who aided in carrying out the problem, and visiting army officers who served as umpires for the problem, which was held on the week-end of Oct. 30-31.

the series of mobilization exercises established a warmer and more cordial relationship between the various battalions and the Adjutant General's Department and between the units themselves, and that the necessity of working in conjunction with civil law enforcement agencies made possible a keener understanding of our common objectives.

General Knickerbocker has expressed his personal appreciation for the sincere effort made by each member of the State Guard in contributing to the realization of the aims set forth in the original plan and for the splendid and enthusiastic manner in which each man performed his function.

It is a regrettable circumstance that the average citizen of Texas cannot share with the entire Staff the feeling of security which has been inculcated in the successful completion of these Mobilization Training Exercises. There is not a doubt in the minds of those who have witnessed every one of the exercises that each individual battalion is capable of performing with skill the missions that may be assigned to them. Without a question the Texas State Guard has graduated into advanced training and is ready to tackle a bigger and more intricate mission.

The Task Force Staff. Front row, left to right: Adjutant General Knickerbocker, Col. Neill Banister, Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, and Major E. B. Germany. Center row: Major Thomas W. Gahagan, Major Cassaway T. Edwards, Major Olney H. Bryant. Back row: Capt. J. W. Kokernot, Capt. R. L. Harris, and Warrant Officer Gamble.



THE SECOND BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO

ENEMY PARATROOPS ROUTED FROM AIRPORT BUT HOUSTON-GALVESTON BATTALIONS PAY HEAVY PRICE

By Lt. Albert Nibling

Houston's four battalions and one from Galveston of the Texas State Guard fought, on October 30-31, what will be known locally as the Second Battle of San Jacinto.

The occasion was the 12th Task Force Mobilization, the last of a series held throughout the state under the command of the adjutant general's department.

Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, G-3 of the adjutant general's staff, was task force commander for the maneuver.

The bivouac area was the San Jacinto Battleground.

The friendly forces were composed of the Second, Seventh, and 48th Marine Battalions of Houston and the 49th Battalion of Galveston. The enemy force was the 22nd Battalion of Houston.

The October 30 activity consisted principally of movement to the bivouac area, encampment and setting up of security guards.

Surprise Attack

However, soon after midnight, as a sidelight of the main problem, the three battalions camped on the battleground were subjected to a surprise enemy attack which kept the troops on the alert throughout the night.

As is to be expected in a situation of this kind, weaknesses in the security measures taken by the encamped battalions showed up in the night attack. The enemy was able to filter through the sentry lines and blow up the headquarters of the 49th. Major George W. McLean of the 49th was a casualty.

However, all but two of the enemy force of about 30 were taken prisoner.

The main problem was briefed at 8 a.m. on the morning of the 31st and the battalions given until 10 a.m. to move out.

Briefly, the problem was:

Pictures of the Houston area maneuvers were taken for the Guardsman by First Lt. King H. Robinson, S-2 of the 48th Marine Battalion, Tech. Sergeant Carroll A. Waddell, Headquarters, Second Battalion; and Staff Sergeant Fred Norman of headquarters, 48th Marine Battalion. The panorama view before the monument was taken by Cecil Thompson, Houston commercial photographer.

Enemy paratroopers had landed in the vicinity of LaPorte and had seized control of the airport on the Spencer Highway. Roads leading to the airport were in the enemy's hands. The order was to move out to a rendezvous point about two miles from the airport and to await further orders there. The battalions were to move on three routes to the rendezvous point, about 10 miles from the bivouac area. The roads were under air attack. Calculated risks were to be taken. The enemy had an air superiority of 12 to one.

Constant Air Attack

The first phase of the operation, the movement to the rendezvous point, provided many incidents. Trouble was encountered in correctly reading routes on the map by some units, occasioning delays. Road blocks and ambushes caused some casualties. The convoys were under constant air attack by C.A.P. planes.

At the rendezvous point, reached at noon, the order was to attack the airport from the west and north, the 2nd and 48th carrying the main attack from the west and the 7th and 49th were to attack in a secondary assault when the first waves of the two primary attacking units were sighted.

The attacking units converged on the airfield, which was guarded by troops of the 22nd under command of Captain Max Swindosky, delegated to the duty by the 22nd's commander, Major Jimmie Delmar.

It took the attacking units about one hour to move in and overwhelm the enemy force. The enemy used rocket bombs, land mines, and strafing planes in its defense of the airport.

In the critique following the completion of the problem, the following comments were made:

Adjutant General Arthur Knickerbocker—Mistakes were made, but still they attained their objective. Always keep your mission in mind and accomplish that.

Major Wilson Williams, Houston district provost marshal, umpire on the defense side—A good many men seemed afraid to hit the ground. I think the defense won because of air superiority.

Capt. Thomas W. Pellum, of the 766th M. P. Battalion, umpire on the offense—You made a marvelous showing. Your staff work was excellent. But it sort of petered out later in the problem. Some la-

trines were not adequate. You waited too long to set up security after reaching bivouac. I think the fight was pretty much of a draw.

Lt. Col. N. L. Houston, commanding officer of the 766th M. P. Battalion, chief umpire for the maneuver—This is one of those happy battles where everybody wins. The offense knows it got here and the defense knows it was wiped out. As a whole, you were not aggressive enough. Little things were allowed to hold you up.

Lt. Col. Thomas, task force commander—You did a fine soldiering job.

Here are a few highlights of the maneuver:

At the rendezvous point, after the second phase of the problem had been briefed and the troops had moved out, a bombing attack wiped out 75 to 85 of personnel and a score of vehicles. This was criticized later by the umpires as being the result of a mistake. The rendezvous point was set up at a road junction and the vehicles were not halted far enough from the road intersection.

With a 12 - to - 1 aerial superiority, the four offensive battalions would have suffered very heavy casualties en route under actual battle conditions. Under the simulated conditions, it was figured that at least 110 casualties were suffered. Two of the major casualties were Major Julian A. Weslow, commander of the 48th Marine Battalion, whose staff car was wiped out at an ambush en route, and Major Vincent Chiodo, commander of the Seventh, who also was ambushed.

Too much was taken for granted in the movement of convoys, resulting in a bewilderment at times which caused the battalions to lose the routes. If the maps had been read more carefully, and a strict tab kept on the mileage traveled.

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A prisoner is taken and turned over to Major Thomas W. Gahagan, acting as intelligence officer.

The second phase of the problem is briefed at the rendezvous point, two miles from the airport. Major Olney H. Bryant, acting as operations officer, outlines the problems to majors and S-3s of the four offensive battalions. General Knickerbocker is second from right, standing, and Col. Neill H. Bannister, chief of staff, is in the foreground, back to camera.





Strategy around a banquet table. These Texas State Guard Officers laid aside their table implements to discuss plans for the Houston Task Force Mobilization at a banquet given by the Military Affairs Committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce at the Houston Club to honor General Knickerbocker on the eve of the Houston area maneuvers. Seated, left to right: Major James Delmar, 22nd; Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, G-3, AGD; Major Edward D. Konken, 2nd. Standing, left to right: Major Vincent Chiodo, 7th; Maj. W. B. Kilgough, 16th; Maj. Thomas W. Gahagan, Inspector, AGD; Maj. Cassoway T. Edwards, Inspector, AGD; Maj. Samuel R. Haggard, MID, G-2; Captain Adolph Blieden, S-1, 48th; Maj. Olney H. Bryant, Inspector, AGD.

Here, at the battalion command post, Capt. Adolph Blieden, adjutant, seated hatless, briefs the problem to officers of the 48th Marine Battalion just before Major Julian A. Weslow, battalion commander, seated to the adjutant's rear,

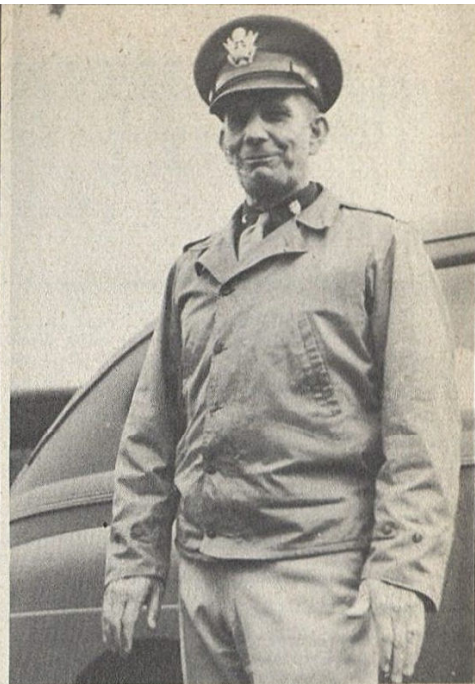
issued his orders.

After the battle was over. Here is a part of the enemy force relaxing from a strenuous day and night. The enemy commander, Captain Max Swindosky, S-3 of the 22nd Battalion, is seated, hatless, near center of picture, with hand on knee.

A prisoner is searched. In the background is an ambulance of one of the Houston battalions.

Here is Brig. Gen. Arthur Knickerbocker, adjutant general of Texas, photographed in a genial mood, in the field. He was in close contact with all operations.

Standing on an army command car, officers of the Task Force Staff and umpires, officers of the 766th M. P. Battalion, give a critique of the maneuver. Lt. Col. N. L. Houston, commander of the 766th and chief umpire, is speaking to the troops. Seated behind him with hand on chin is the task force commander, Lt. Col. George Thomas, of the Adjutant General's Department.



RECRUITING DRIVE EXPECTED TO NET NEARLY 10,000 MEN

Texas State Guard Week Observance Called Success in Every Part of State

A few battalions had sent in preliminary reports on the results of the recruiting drive at the magazine deadline. It is expected that in the January issue a complete picture of the drive can be presented.

Here are some preliminary totals:

43rd Battalion	Port Arthur	99 recruits
9th Battalion	Port Arthur	50 recruits
5th Battalion	Austin	127 recruits
31st Battalion	Mission	69 recruits
36th Battalion	San Antonio	35 recruits
Four Houston Battalions		268 recruits

(The four Houston Battalions, the 2nd, 22nd, 7th and 48th conducted their drive jointly, dividing the total equally. It is expected that a final count will show a much larger total.)

Reports received from widely scattered sections of the state in the first week after the recruiting drive closed caused Adjutant General Arthur Knickerbocker to express the belief that at least 10,000 new men had been enlisted in the concerted effort.

If that number proves correct, the commanding general of the Texas State Guard declared, it will mean that the strength of officers and men will be increased to about 25,000.

The recruiting drive was an important phase of Texas State Guard Week, observed generally in all sectors where the 51 Texas State Guard battalions are located.

Reports filtering in to the adjutant general's office indicated that the guard as a whole, from the standpoint of men enlisted, now is in a healthier state than it has been for several months.

And, in addition to adding to the rosters of the state's 51 battalions, an excellent job was done in practically every town and city in the state in taking the guard's message to the public by way

of radio, press and from the speaker's platform.

The two outstanding radio programs of the week were statewide broadcasts, the first being the Interstate Theatres' Showtime broadcast on the opening day of the drive and the second being the Grand Prize Seven Star Final war drama with Steve Wilhelm. Both these programs went out over the Texas Quality Network.

Innumerable spot announcements were made on radio stations, many talks were made on the air. The theatres ran trailers in most of the larger cities. The newspapers ran stories and pictures and advertisers cooperated by devoting parts of their ads to the guard.

In most localities where guard battalions are located, special features were planned to highlight the week. Since Armistice Day fell during the week, that day was the focal point for most of the special events.

The headline activities included parades, open houses, picnic gatherings, etc. Considerable ingenuity was shown

in many cases to attract the most attention to the guard in the programs held. Newspapers were liberal in their editorial comment, paying tribute to the guard for the service it renders the state.

Army officials, city and county officials, civic leaders, clubs, and other individuals and organizations lent a helping hand.

All in all, it was the most concerted campaign the guard has ever attempted to tell the people what the guard stands for and why men able to do so should don the uniform of a soldier of Texas.

And the campaign met warm response. Not only were men added to the ranks, but new friends were won in industry and official circles which should be in position to give the guard a helping hand in the future.

In every case, the guard officers and men concentrated on the one thing they had to sell—the role a state military organization fills in the affairs of the state.

The Valley Evening Monitor at McAllen sold several full-page ads during the week and its pages were sprinkled liberally with publicity.

At Houston, regular advertisers inserted boosts for the guards in their ads and some special advertising was run. The Houston Chronicle devoted two pages of its Sunday magazine to pictures.

The Kerens Tribune devoted most of the advertising in one issue to the guard.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times carried a full page of pictures on its Sunday magazine cover page.

These are just a few of the instances of cooperation by the newspapers. This was the type of cooperation which was general all over the state.

THE DOUGHBOY—STILL THE PARAMOUNT SOLDIER

Victory in this war can be won only by the defeat of the ground forces of our enemies in their own domain. In winning that victory, infantry will play a major role.

Thinking in terms of infantry equipped with the obsolete weapons of the last war (blitzed in Poland and France by Hitler's modern war machine), some have pronounced the infantry, the queen of battles, dead and buried. But the compelling fact has been ignored that Hitler's victorious army was composed of 25 armored divisions, 10 motorized divisions, and 265 almost wholly infantry divisions.

To win his victory Hitler developed new blitzkrieg weapons: the airplane, tank, motorized infantry, and artillery, thus vastly increasing mobility, firepower, range, and shock. With this infantry - tank - motorized - artillery - air team, he swept all Europe in conquest—a conquest in which the mass of his blitzkrieg ground army was (and still is) infantry. Today the mass of the combat troops on the battlefields of the world, including our own, is composed of infantry. Victory for America will be



determined by the ability of our doughboys, supported by our splendid artillery and tactical air force, to hold the battle line in defense and, supported by that

same indispensable coverage of aerial and artillery bombardment, to break the enemy battle line in attack.

True, the infantry of 1918 could not meet that test, but our infantry of today bears little resemblance to the infantry of 1918.

Its organization has been revolutionized; its firepower and mobility vastly increased; the importance of its battle mission so enhanced that, as stated by Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, "the job of an infantry commander under modern conditions is, if anything, more complex than that of any other in the ground or air forces."

The weapons of the infantry include the semi-automatic Garand rifle (three times more efficient than any other comparable rifle); the automatic rifle; the hand and rifle grenade; the tommy gun and carbine; the 60 and 81-millimeter mortars; the 30 and 50-caliber machine guns; antitank guns, including the famous Bazooka; and the artillery 105-millimeter howitzer. Its personnel includes "engineer" infantry troops for laying mines and destroying enemy

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TEXAS NEWSPAPERS PAY TRIBUTE TO TSG IN EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Practically every paper in all Texas towns and cities where a unit of the Texas State Guard exists joined in to help the recent recruiting campaign.

The Guardsman here quotes excerpts from editorials which found the way into its offices:

The Houston Chronicle—It takes a lot of patriotism and devotion to duty to qualify as a soldier of the Guard. It is gratifying that there are such men willing to serve. The public as a whole should take cognizance of the Guard. . . Employers should be sympathetic to the employee who wants to join—back him up with the assurance that his job is not in jeopardy by reason of the fact that he is a part-time soldier in the service of the state.

The Houston Post—There are many good reasons why those qualified should be members of the State Guard, and none why they should not. The military training received . . . has proved of value to those who have later left the service for the army, navy or marines, and those who have not been inducted have the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing a valuable war-time job on the home front.

Dick Freeman's Pressbox in the Houston Chronicle—I have come into contact with the Texas State Guard time and again, and I have never found them less than 100 per cent co-operative in anything that would aid the war effort. And in addition to the many extra duties they have performed so well, they are doing a fine job of guarding the home front.

The Dallas Morning News—As a part of its historic heritage, Texas has always taken pride in its state armed forces. With the largest and finest state guard in the country, Texas takes special pride in the observance of State Guard week.

The Greenville Banner—We should resolve to give the State Guard all the cooperation possible — by joining the ranks if we can, and if not, to at least pledge our assistance in any manner we might serve.

The Marshall News-Messenger—The public has never appreciated the Guard as it should. This probably stems from a lack of knowledge of its functions and its importance in the scheme of things. Now would be a good time for the average citizen to familiarize himself with the Guard and what it is doing to make the home front safe.

The El Paso Herald-Post—The Guard exists to be useful in cases of emergencies, to protect vital installations and to perform the other duties of the National Guard when not in federal service.

The Austin American—The idea of state troops, for use against invasion or in emergency situations, is as old as our republic. To the individual who is qualified, the enlistment campaign should appeal in two ways. Here is the opportunity to be of service at a time when the country needs manpower for many tasks. Here, also, is the opportunity for the exercise, the fellowship and the instruction that every normal individual desires. The Texas State Guard partakes of both duty and opportunity. Its campaign should meet with an emphatic response.

The Big Spring Herald—It is fitting that proper recognition be given these

volunteer guardians whose only pay is the satisfaction of serving.

The Cuero Record—Just call on the boys any time you need them. They'll be glad to help out.

Wichita Falls Times—There is a very definite need, and a corresponding opportunity for service in the Guard.

The Denton Record-Chronicle—The Texas State Guard serves a definite and important need at a time when trained, capable men are the greatest safeguard of lives and property on the home front.

The McAllen Monitor—The way to keep this country American is to work at it, not talk about it. So long as there are units of the Texas State Guard we can do more than talk about our love for the American way.

The Plainview Herald—In the absence of the Texas National Guard, a component of the nation's peacetime secondary line of defense, the Texas State Guard becomes our secondary line of defense.

The Albany News—The Texas State Guard is assurance of internal security while our soldiers are in foreign countries winning our battles against Germany and Japan.

The Bay City Tribune—It is fitting and proper that a week should be set aside to acknowledge the great work done by the Texas State Guard throughout the state. These men are hard-working men . . . all day and give their time on nights and week-ends to perfection of their training in the Texas State Guard.

The Gilmer Mirror—We join Texas in saluting our Texas State Guard.

The Del Rio News-Herald—The Texas State Guard has served unobtrusively and very faithfully.

OFFICERS URGED TO JOIN ASSOCIATION

The Texas State Guard Officers Association has set a goal of 1000 members by January 1.

At the present time around 700 officers are members of the Association and Major Donald W. Peacock, president, declares "A large, strong and active membership is the most important thing to accomplish right now."

"Battalion commanders who have not yet joined the association are urged to do so right now and to encourage their junior officers to join."

VALLEY GUARDSMAN HAS SIX SONS IN SERVICE

Pvt. Matias S. Garza of Company A, 31st Bn., Mission, Texas, has five sons in the U. S. Army and Navy, and had another son in Company A, Texas State Guard. Seven members from one family is a fine batting average!

At a meeting sponsored by the Civilian Morale Committee, of which Sgt. Leon H. Brown of Company A is chairman, attended by more than 1000 citizens, the Garza family were honor guests, and Mrs. Garza was awarded a 5-star Emblem by the National Honor Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Garza were both born near Mission, and their six sons all graduated from Mission high school.

Four Brothers in Guard

Company A, 31st Bn., of Mission has in its ranks four brothers, Pvts. Domin

E. Keller, Louis E. Keller, Stanley E. Keller, and Urban J. Keller. They were members of a military unit organized in Mission in the summer of 1940, which on November 4, 1940 was authorized to be organized as a company of Texas Defense Guard.

They have been members ever since, and for nearly two years they drove 40 miles each drill night to attend. They are of Polish origin, and they and their parents certainly don't have any love for Hitler!

Drills—Then Joins

Pvt. A. G. Hood, Jr., of Co. A, 31st Bn., Mission, drilled with Co. A for several months before old enough to join, and two hours before he was 16, he filled out application for enlistment, and within a few hours he was enlisted as a member of Company A, with his parents' written consent.

He is a clerk in Mission Drug Store, and has been an alert member of the Mission High School Victory Corps, which has received excellent training for months from members of Company A, including Sgt. George Boyle, and also 1st Lt. Jerry Tesar, of Mission, on 31st Bn. Staff. Pvt. Hood has already been on three all-night bivouacs, including the three-battalion maneuvers at Harlingen, June 12-13.

Damn! It WAS the General

Pvt. Winston Jenkins of Co. A, 31st Bn., Mission, assisted Co. A mess detail during the three-battalion maneuvers at Harlingen, June 12-13. Co. A kitchen was close to Task Force Hq. and proved to be popular with officers for their usual (and unusual!) cups of coffee.

A big Cadillac car drove by and stopped at Task Force Hq., whereupon Pvt. Jenkins exclaimed: "D—n! That must be the big boy himself—the Adjutant General."

A modest-looking officer sipping coffee directly behind Pvt. Jenkins immediately said: "I couldn't afford an expensive car like that, I have to ride in a jeep!" It was Adj. Gen. Knickerbocker! (He enjoyed the more-than-evident disfigurement of Pvt. Jenkins.)

FIVE OFFICERS ATTEND ARMY SERVICE SCHOOLS

Five officers of the Texas State Guard have been honored by being selected to attend army special service schools. They are:

Captain John P. Crowe, First Camouflage Company, Austin, attending the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Captain Carl F. Murray, S-3, Second Battalion, Houston, attending Provost Marshal School, Fort Custer, Michigan.

Captain Pearl W. Wheelis, Company B, 29th Battalion, Dallas, attending the Adjutant General's School, Fort Washington, Maryland.

Major Thomas W. Gahagan, State Staff, attending the Adjutant General's School, Fort Washington, Maryland.

Captain Murray and Captain Crowe reported October 30, and Major Gahagan and Captain Wheelis reported November 11. Captain William L. Barbour, Company B, 28th Battalion, Corpus Christi, has been selected to attend the Adjutant General's School and is to report December 16, 1943.

New Research Unit Inducted



Standing, left to right: 1st Lt. George C. Ellis, 2nd Lt. Henry S. Roes, Capt. Joseph E. Cassidy, Major Charles O. Betts, Commander of 5th Bn., TSG, Austin; 2nd Lt. Wm. S. Burns, Capt. John W. Kokernot, Capt. Thomas P. Jones, Staff Sergeant William Edward Flegle, Marine Recruiting Office, Austin. Sitting, left to right: Lt. Col. Jas. J. O'Brien, U. S. Army Chaplain; Father William Robinson, President of St. Edward's University; Brigadier General Arthur B. Knickerbocker, Major James P. Gibbons, and Lt. Col. George D. Thomas.



The Third Research and Training Company, of St. Edward's University, drawn up before the picturesque old buildings of the University at Austin.



REV. JAMES GIBBONS MADE MAJOR OF COMPANY AT ST. EDWARD'S U.

Originality, color, and exclusiveness are both motto and creed to the State Guard's newest and most distinctive unit . . . the Third Research and Training Company, TSG, of St. Edward's Military Academy and University. Induction of this newly approved organization took place October 13 on St. Edward's drill field in Austin. Several Austin Guardsmen were present as well as were faculty members, American Legion representatives, and guests.

St. Edward's becomes the only Catholic Academy in the nation to obtain research training as a supplement to regular military activity.

Organization of the training and research company at St. Edward's was authorized by Adj. Gen. A. B. Knickerbocker at a formal review and inspection preceding actual induction. Purpose of the new unit is to experiment on ideas in strategy and tactics; findings on the tests are filed with the State adjutant general's department. In turn a report will be made to war department officials in Washington, so that whatever has proved practicable may be

adopted by the army. Men in the unit will receive most of the basic training the army gives its recruits and will have the advantage of restricted films from war department files.

To qualify for membership in the unit, Cadets must be at least 16 years old and citizens of the United States. Parental consent is required for enlistment of qualified cadets.

Seventy-five enlisted men, together with six commissioned officers, compose the two-platoon company. The Rev. William Robinson, CSC, Ph.D., president of St. Edward's, is an ex-officio officer of the company. Holy Cross priests and brothers, drawn from the faculty, serve in the commissioned grades.

The Rev. James Gibbons, CSC, principal of the Military Academy, is in command of the Guard group with the rank of major. Capt. Joseph E. Cassidy, professor of military science and tactics who has a background of 35 years military experience, is executive officer. The Rev. Thomas P. Jones, CSC, captain in the Guard, is adjutant.

Three Holy Cross brothers, one of them a veteran of World War I, are

lieutenants. They are Brother Hugo, CSC, formerly active in the Oregon national guard, who as first lieutenant serves as supply officer to the Cadet unit; Brother Myron, CSC, wounded in World War I, is mess officer and second platoon leader; Brother Fergus, CSC, holds a dual office of armament officer and first platoon leader. Both Brother Fergus and Brother Myron are second lieutenants.

Present for the review, induction, and banquet following were Gen. A. B. Knickerbocker and staff, Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, Capt. John Kokernot, Ward Moody representing the State American Legion, and Sgt. William Feigle of the U. S. Marines.

—A STRONG GUARD NEEDS RECRUITS—

FLIES OFF CAPTAIN: RETURNS AS MAJOR

Captain Archie Benner, of El Paso, has this distinction.

He took off on a bombing raid over Germany as Captain Benner.

He radioed back to his base in England that his group had dropped their bombs.

The base radioed congratulations on his promotion to major, notice of which had been received while he was over his target.

ROLL CALL OF TEXAS HEROES

THE flaming tales of heroism that Texans are writing all over the world—on the ground and in the air, on the sea and under the sea—are a glorious inspiration to members of the Texas State Guard.

To tell the story of all the heroes that Texas has produced during this war would take hundreds of pages. The Guardsman has taken just a few of them and told in brief the heroic things that set them apart—the little bit of extra effort that makes a champion.



Lt. Col. William E. Dyess

Not all of us can write such flaming pages in history. But we can take inspiration from those pages and do, to the best of our ability, the very necessary job on the home front that makes the Texas State Guard necessary.

Lt. Col. William E. Dyess, of Albany, was known as "The One-Man Scourge" of the Philippines.

Refusing to surrender to the Japanese when Corregidor fell, he led a little band of ragged American warriors into the hills and carried on his personal war against the Japs.

He was given up for dead until he sent a postcard to his folks from a Japanese prison camp.

Before Corregidor fell he grabbed the stick of a fast P-40 plane and sank a Jap tanker and four 100-ton launches.

He is one of the greatest of Texas heroes in this war.

First Lt. Bob Pyle of Kaufman, Texas, bombardier-navigator on the B-26 "Hellsapoppin," and a lot of other bombardiers celebrated Armistice Day, not in the traditional way of a minute's silence, but by toggling their switches somewhere over Europe. Interviewed in Europe after the "Hellsapoppin" had completed its run over the target, Lieutenant Pyle said, "This is the right way to celebrate Armistice."

First Lt. John H. Rundell of Wichita Falls, Texas, was among the pilots who got their Jap planes in a raid on Alexishafen in the Solomons November 12. The Texan bagged two enemy planes.

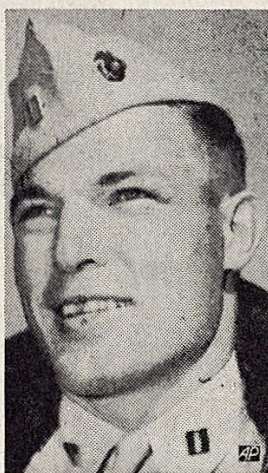
Major Joseph R. Klein, of Paradise, Texas, squadron commander at the age of 23 and veteran of 40 missions in both the Pacific and Mediterranean theaters, had a good Texas accent when he went overseas a year ago. Since then he has heard so many different languages that he has lost it. Klein arrived in Washington recently with the five other men of the crew of the "Coughin' Coffin," famed B-26 marauder returned from the battle areas for a bond-selling tour.

The general impression of army chaplains is that they hold religious services and comfort the sick and wounded.

The award of the Silver Star to Chaplain (Capt.) Fred Andrews of Galveston proves that isn't true. The citation says:

"Throughout a fiercely fought battle Chaplain Andrews encouraged and inspired the men of his battalion by his coolness under fire, indefatigable energy, and firm, spiritual convictions."

Not all the valor is displayed by the man behind a gun or the man in a plane.



Capt. William E. Crowe

The award of the Legion of Merit to Chief Warrant Officer Ralph Hughes of Galveston bears that out.

The citation says that while accompanying combat crews to an advanced occupational base in New Guinea, Chief Hughes displayed great resourcefulness and devotion to duty by frequently working for periods of 20 hours supervising maintenance of aircraft for the bombardment group to which he was attached.

"We saw them against the clouds and I guess they're still wondering where we came from," says Captain William E. Crowe, of Austin, Marine ace, in telling how he bagged his first two planes high in the clouds over the Southwest Pacific.

"I made a high side run," he says. "My first burst crippled one and he dove into the clouds. I followed him in and when I opened up, pieces of his tail section blew off. I must have killed the tail gunner because he quit shooting.

Seconds later the bomber came out of the clouds in flames.

"I chased the second bomber for about five minutes in and out of the clouds. Once he popped out and I came up underneath and nailed him. My fire chopped his whole right wing off. I had the pleasure of seeing him go down and hit the water."

Captain Crowe has bagged eight planes. His biggest day was over Vella Lavella, in the Northern Solomons, when he got two Jap dive bombers, one



Lt. Col. David L. Hill

Zero and two "probables."

Captain Crowe, Austin high school graduate, got his training at Corpus Christi and is a former light heavyweight Golden Gloves boxing champion.

For heroism in New Guinea August 21, 1943, Tech. Sgt. Hubert J. Murphy, of Overton, son of Mrs. Myrtle L. Mayhew, has been awarded the Soldier's Medal by Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney.

Sgt. Murphy was radio-gunner on a bomber which sustained damage while on a mission over Wewak. On landing on the home base the bomber skidded and ran into several drums of aviation gasoline near the runway, starting a fire in the plane. Seeing clothes of a fellow crew member aflame, Sgt. Murphy dragged him through the escape hatch and, despite the fact his own hands were severely burned, extinguished the man's flaming clothes.

Lt. Col. David Hill, of Victoria, is back with his old outfit, "The Flying Tigers," after a furlough home and this time he says he's "on the prowl for Tokyo."

Col. Hill has 16 Japanese planes to his credit from the days when he fought with the AVG and the old United States China Task Force and he's anxious to add to that number.

"The last time we held the Nips," he says. "This time we are back to clean them out. We won't stop until we get to Tokyo."

Hill's old squadron has a record of shooting down eight Japanese planes to one American ship lost.

Another Texan, who hasn't had time to come home and rest—Col. Tom Gen-

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EDITOR'S NOTE:—Although not scheduled to appear in the Home Study Course for several months yet, the proper method of assembling the Infantry Pack is considered so important by the Plans and Training Section of the Texas State Guard that The Texas Guardsman has decided to give its readers the following article at this time.

METHOD OF ASSEMBLING HAVERSACK AND PACK CARRIER

(1) Pistol or revolver belt. — As shown in Figure 1.

(2) Cartridge or magazine belt.—As shown in Figure 2.

(3) To attach pack carrier to haversack (Figure 3).—Spread haversack on the ground, inner side down, outer flap and meat can pouch to the front. Place buttonholed edge of pack carrier, lettered side of pack carrier up, under buttonholed edge of haversack. Superimpose buttonholes of haversack upon corresponding ones of pack carrier. Lace the pack carrier to haversack by passing the ends of coupling strap (flesh side down) through corresponding buttonholes of haversack and pack carrier nearest the center, bringing the ends up through next buttonholes and continuing to the right and left, respectively, to the sides.

(4) To attach haversack to cartridge or magazine belt.—Place haversack and pack carrier (assembled) on the ground, inner side down; place belt along the junction of haversack and carrier, pockets down, tops toward the haversack; insert hooks on rear belt suspenders in upper rear eyelets of each belt section so that point of hooks will be on the outside of belt; twist from belt suspenders toward the ends of belt and insert snap hooks in eyelets between first and second pockets from each end of belt so that the points of the snap hooks will be on the outside of belt and suspenders will be flat on the body.

(5) To attach haversack to pistol or revolver belt.—Proceed as with the cartridge belt, the hooks on the end of front belt suspenders being inserted in the third eyelets from the buckle, and hooks on rear belt suspenders in two of the upper eyelets respectively to right and left of center of belt.

(6) To attach intrenching tool.—Fold outer flap of haversack over so that meat can pouch is uppermost; pass intrenching tool carrier underneath meat can pouch and engage double hook attachment in eyelets in flap provided, inserting hooks from the under side. Secure intrenching tool to roll by means of third haversack binding strap (see Figure 6).

(7) To make the roll (Figure 4). — Spread shelter half on the ground and fold in triangular end so that shelter half forms a rectangle. Make a second fold by carrying folded edge to opposite edge. Fold the blanket twice parallel to its longer axis so that blanket is now one-fourth its previous width, and then fold once at the middle so as to bring the ends together. Place blanket symmetrically in center of folded shelter half; place underwear, socks, and handkerchief between folds of blanket. Place tent pole on that end of the blanket from which the rolling is to begin. Place pins as shown in Figure 4. (An alternate method is to place pins next to and parallel with pole.) Fold sides and then the near end of shelter half snugly over the blanket; fold 10 inches of far end of shelter half toward the blanket and, beginning at near end, roll tightly into folded end of shelter half, thus making an envelope roll.

(8) To pack the haversack (Figure 5)

—(a) Place equipment on the ground, inside of haversack up, pockets of belt up, haversack spread out, inside flap and pack carrier extended to their full length. Place rations in the center of haversack in front of and touching line of attachment of inside flap. Place toilet articles in front of rations. Fold inside flap of haversack over these articles. Fold sides of haversack over rations and toilet articles. Pass upper two binding straps through loop on inside flap opposite point of attachment of the strap to haversack body. Fasten each strap by passing end of strap through the opening of its opposite buckle next to the buckle attachment, over center bar and back through opening of buckle away from attachment. Pull strap tight and make fastening secure. Fold over outer flap of haversack and fasten it by means of the lower haversack binding strap passed through the buckle on inside of outer flap. Pull strap toward the right, drawing outer flap snugly over filled haversack. The haversack is now packed and the carrier is ready for reception of the roll.

(b) When rations are not carried, roll toilet articles in inside flap so that top of toilet articles will be on line with top of haversack body. Then fold up lower haversack strap against the roll thus formed.

(9) To assemble the pack (Figure 6).

—Place roll in pack carrier and haversack with one end against bottom of packed haversack. Grasp lower suspension rings, one in each hand. Place right knee against bottom of roll. Pull carrier down and force roll up close against bottom of packed haversack. Without removing the knee, fasten lower pack carrier binding strap over the roll and secure it by passing, from below, its end up through the opening of its corresponding buckle away from the buckle attachment, then over center bar and down through opening of the buckle next to buckle attachment, then back

THE INFANTRY

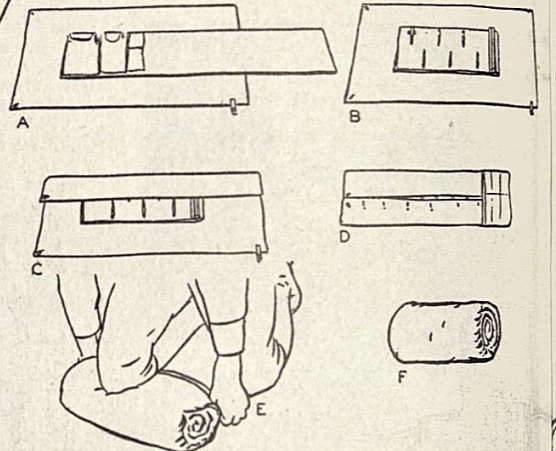
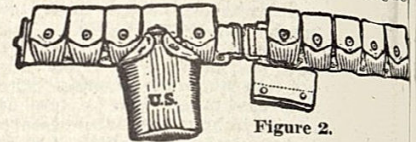
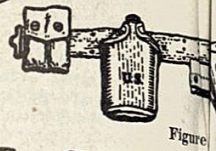


Figure 4.—To Make the Roll.

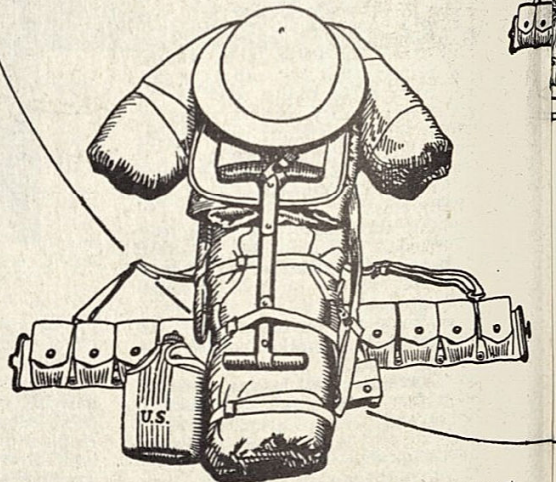


Figure 6.—Full equipment with overcoat and raincoat.

underneath the standing end of strap. In a similar manner secure middle haversack binding strap and then upper carrier binding strap. Engage snap hooks on pack suspenders in lower suspension rings. In order to obtain the maximum benefit from the shoulder loops in suspending the pack on the wearer, each pack should be so assembled that when the roll is carried the length of the assembled haversack and pack carrier is at least 27 inches. This may be done by

the back until the top of haversack is on a level with top of shoulders, so that pack suspenders from their point of attachment on the haversack to the shoulders will be horizontal. The latter is essential to proper adjustment of the load. (See Figure 7).

(14) To discard the roll without removing equipment from the body.—Unsnap pack suspenders from suspension rings and snap them into eyelets on top of belt and in rear of rear pockets of right and left pocket sections. Support bottom of pack with left hand, with right hand grasp coupling strap at its middle and withdraw first one side and then the other. Pull down on the roll with both hands and remove it. When the roll has been removed, lace coupling strap through buttonholes along upper edge of carrier.

(15) **Display of equipment.**—At inspections where you are required to display your field equipment, officers will check to see that no items are missing and that all items are clean and in condition for immediate field service. Figure 8 shows how your equipment should be displayed if you are a dismounted soldier or equipped with a haversack and pack carrier.

(16) Care of equipment.—The articles of field equipment issued to you have been developed and manufactured after careful study and experiment by the War Department. You must keep them in proper condition for field service and not remove or change the finish of any article. Section VI of Field Manual 21-100 (Soldier's Handbook) contains detailed instructions on this subject.

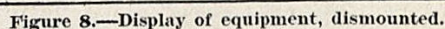
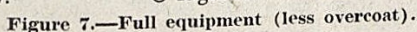
NOTES—(1) Cartridge belt may be of two types: hook adjustment or slide adjustment for length.

(2) Meat can pouch may be button or buckle fasteners.

(3) Rear belt suspender may be one on old type haversack or two suspenders on new type.

(4) "Intrenching Tool" might mean a shovel, pick mattock, bolo or wire cutter.

(5) It should be noted that under "To assemble pack" (par. 9), one may have
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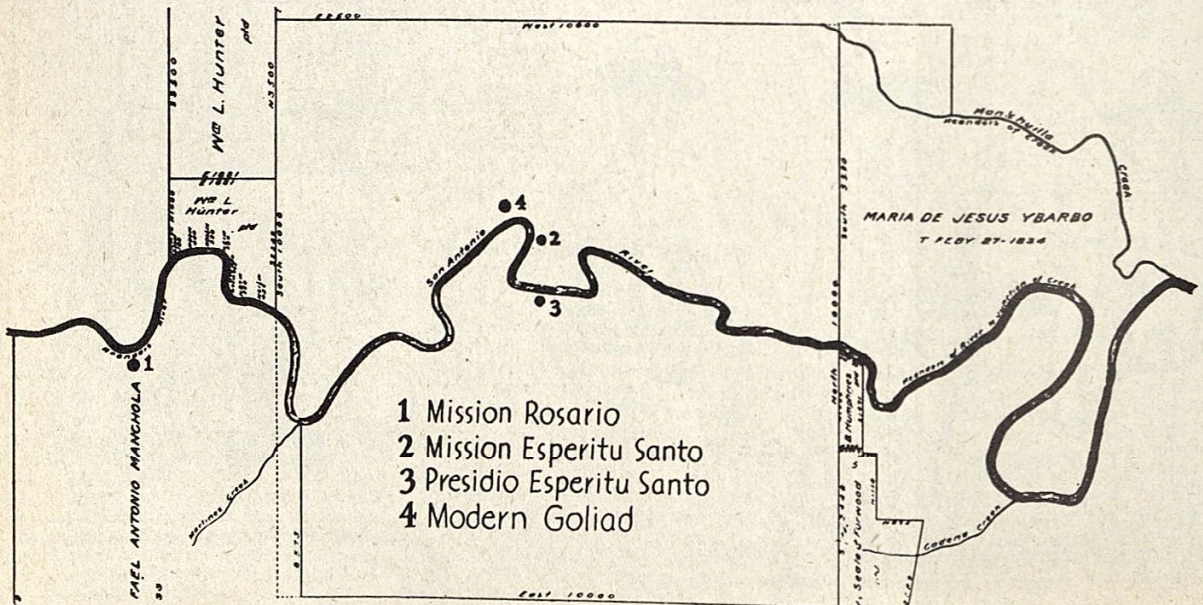


Remember Goliad



Mission La Bahia del
Espiritu Santo.

The Fannin Battle-
field at Goliad.



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(The following article was written for The Guardsman by Pearl Hendricks, well known Texas historian)

"—from every passer-by, the throb of pity for the slain, the start of horror for the slayer."—Benton.

All through the early evening hours of Saturday, March 26, 1836, while a white moon bathed the countryside near Copano Bay as though in all the world there was nothing but peace, as though bloody-handed tyrants and such words as "treachery" and "cruelty" were unknown in the civilized world, you could hear excited laughing and joking coming from within the walls of Fort Defiance—as the long-abandoned stone church of the old Spanish mission of La Bahia on the San Antonio River opposite the village of Goliad was now called. Nearly three hundred and fifty very young Americans, "prisoners of war," Fannin's men, were going home—or so they were thinking and planning.

Home—never so precious as now when they had but just escaped the butchery dealt others like them who had come so eagerly answering the call of the American colonists in the foreign land of Texas for volunteers to help end misrule and tyranny.

Soon, tomorrow perhaps, Palm Sunday, just a week before Easter, they would be marching under guard down to Copano Bay where a ship would be waiting; they would be freed, would row out to the bobbing little vessel, she would spread her white wings and speed them to welcoming arms—forever beyond the power of the suave, sly enemy, Santa Anna, who loved to call himself the Napoleon of the West. So they laughed and joked and planned, there within the stone church of La Bahia. Going home—to New Orleans, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia. And a rich tenor voice broke through the happy clamor in the plaintive strains of "Home,—Sweet Home," stilling the excited voices.

Another voice took up the nostalgic words, the slow gentle notes; soon "Home,—Sweet Home" came from most of the boyish throats of Fannin's men. And somewhere outside the stone walls a Mexican officer, commander of the fort captured but a week ago from the Texans, paced back and forth, sensing the meaning if not the words of the homely melody; muttering to himself "It's inhuman, barbarous," as he read over and over an order which had come from San Antonio de Bexar by special courier from Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna himself, president of Mexico, dictator, commanding his armies in Texas in person, now still gloating over his success at the Alamo when his men had killed the patriot defenders to the last man. His order to Lieut. Portilla, commander at La Bahia, instructed him to execute the prisoners "at once."

For fifteen years the American colonists who had followed Stephen F. Austin to Texas had tried to be good Mexican citizens; had made their homes in the wilderness, had driven the savages back; had faith in the liberal provisions made for them in the Constitution of 1824 which Santa Anna had now overthrown. His oppressive decrees, his imprisonment of their leader, Austin, who had made the long journey to Mexico to plead an end to injustices, had brought them to rebellion; but even while planning revolt they had no thought of freeing themselves from Mexico. They would fight for their rights to hold themselves aloof from the constant turmoil below the Rio Grande until a just and stable government could be established.

So, in 1835 they had begun preparations for resistance; for Santa Anna was boasting he would drive them out of Texas or kill them; and their homes and lands were to be given to his followers, to those who had seen in his ruthless rise to power their own chance for power—and riches. True patriots down in Mexico whom he had crushed could do nothing but wait for his fall; or become refugees.

The colonists had set up a temporary government at San Felipe on the Brazos, with Henry Smith as governor and James W. Robinson his lieutenant. Appeals for cash and men and guns and ammunition had gone to their native land, the United States. Through the winter of 1835-36 ship after ship arrived at the mouth of the Brazos bringing eager young volunteers; Sam Houston had been made commander-in-chief; Austin and William H. Wharton and Branch T. Archer had gone to the United States to arrange loans and to address meetings telling the reasons for the rebellion.

By mid-February of '36 Santa Anna was marching on Bexar (San Antonio) after crushing a rising rebellion or two below the Rio; and at San Felipe there were quarrels as to whether Texas troops should invade Mexico, by way of Matamoros, compelling Santa Anna to divide his forces, or whether they should plan strong defense. Gov. Smith was deposed but still claimed to be governor and continued issuing orders; his lieutenant, now Gov. Robinson, issued orders. Houston, like Smith, opposed invasion, considered Smith still governor; commanders eager for invasion were taking their orders from the Robinson government. And James Walker Fannin, one time of West Point, now a planter on the San Bernard, who had taken his volunteers to Goliad on his way to Matamoros, taking orders from Robinson, now found the irate colonists had done away with the government called the "General Council," and had organized a "provisional government" to convene at Washington-on-the-Brazos to declare Texas forever free from Mexico. And this new government had re-elected Houston commander-in-chief of all the Texas forces. As they were drafting a constitution news came of the fall of the Alamo at Bexar and the martyrdom of Travis and his men. Houston was already on his way to gather the scattered volunteers and give them intensive training to meet an arrogant foe. And from Gonzales on the 11th of March he sent an order to Fannin, still quartered in the old mission of La Bahia at Goliad trying to collect reinforcements for the march on Matamoros: Col. Fannin was to retreat at once and join him on the Colorado; for Santa Anna was now marching eastward, the colonists were fleeing in panic towards the Sabine, and Houston knew

the raw Texas troops were not yet ready to oppose the victorious Mexican armies under Santa Anna.

This new order left Fannin in a quandary. Some of his men, under Grant and Johnson, were down along the Rio Grande getting horses for the cavalry; a detachment under King was at Refugio for protection of the colonists. He sent a few men under Ward to order King to come at once to Goliad; learned Grant and Johnson had been surprised, most of the men, including Grant, killed. No word came from King and Ward; later he was to know King and his men had nearly all been killed and Ward had escaped to Victoria where he expected to meet Fannin on retreat. For the wily Santa Anna had sent Gen. Urrea with troops to enter Texas by way of Matamoros. He was now, in mid-March of '36, advancing on Goliad and fate was closing in on Fannin and his boy volunteers; for how, Fannin felt, could he obey Houston's order for immediate retreat without leaving Ward and King, and the trusting colonists to what might be a terrible fate? Soon, he thought, they would be coming in; he would have strength to give battle, the enemy would be dispersed and the colonists safe.

Once he had tried to answer Travis's appeals from the Alamo for aid; had started but had learned Bexar was surrounded by Santa Anna's armies; so he had turned back to Goliad as to a haven, feeling himself trapped on all sides, wanting to manage for the best interests of Texas and for the people; but knowing he should be giving strict obedience to the commander-in-chief, Gen. Sam Houston. By March 18 he had made his decision; began dismantling the mission fortress which he had called Fort Defiance, buried all cannon he could not take with him; and March 19 took up the march northward over the prairie towards Victoria; but when within three miles of Coletto Creek, less than ten miles on his way, he was forced to halt for an hour's rest. Not till then was it discovered all provisions had been left and there was not even enough water for the panting oxen and the smoking wood axes of the wagons. He made camp in a depression of the prairie, thinking, perhaps, it would be out of sight of any enemy cavalry. And here Urrea's army found and surrounded Col. Fannin and his boy soldiers. From three till sundown they fought, giving a good account of themselves; Urrea withdrew to a distance but annoyed them all night with rifle-fire and in the morning he received fresh cannon and reinforcements and the battle again began.

Fannin's wounded were pleading for water; his exhausted men pleading for food. Should he surrender if honorable terms were accorded him? After a conference with some of his officers a white flag was raised; Fannin and his officers went out to meet the enemy; surrendered as prisoners of war. They were to lay down their arms, promise never again to take up arms against Mexico; their personal property was to be returned to them, they would be paroled and a ship would take them home—out of Texas, back to the United States.

They were marched back to Fort Defiance on the same day, Sunday March 20; the battle they had fought is known in history as the Battle of Coletto. Back in the stone church of La Bahia Mission opposite Goliad they waited daily, under guard, for their hour of deliverance. Fannin had been wounded but by Satur-

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MANEUVERS HELD OVER STATE

Foot Maneuvers Held By Big Bend Battalion



Routing out enemy troops on the Third Battalion maneuver on October 3 are members of Company A, Latin-American Company from Alpine. Coming through and over the chaparral brush are (left to right) Sgt. B. Gallego, Corp. S. Fierro, Sgt. D. Deanda, and Corp. J. Ramos.

By Major E. G. Burgess Commanding, 3rd Battalion

While other officers of the Texas State Guard were enjoying the hospitality of the Capitol City on October 2 and 3, members of the Third Battalion, located in Brewster and Presidio Counties, and with headquarters at Alpine, were trying to sleep in a cold rain, or were worming their way through southwestern thorn plants and over rough volcanic mountains between fog and wind-swept Paisano and Twin Sisters peaks.

Due to the type of terrain and the peculiar road network in the Big Bend Country, the usual type of motor patrol problem was discarded by Majors Cas Edwards and Thomas Gahagan for a foot maneuver.

Camp was set up six miles west of Alpine on the McIntyre Ranch on the west base of Twin Sisters Mountains and enemy troops under Lt. Hilario Hernandez of Company A, Alpine, took a simulated airport three miles west at the east base of Paisano Peak and attempted to hold it. The remainder of Company A, under Capt. M. A. Webb, was combined with Company C from Terlingua and occupied the left flank under Capt. A. W. Fulcher. Capt. R. I. Bledsoe, Company B, Marfa, worked the right flank. So completely was contact set up, for almost an hour, two deer were not able to break out of the airport area. Some excellent work was accomplished by both groups, especially in the use of cover. Communications at times were weak.

Assisting with radio communications were officers of the U. S. Border Patrol, while umpires were furnished by Headquarters of WAC Training Branch No. 7 at Alpine.

Company C came over 100 miles of rough and muddy, mountainous country

roads. They were alerted through Border Patrol Radio communications.

Most of the men covered on foot approximately ten miles, and gained valuable training in use of cover, scouting and patrolling, message sending, coordination between companies, and ability to camp comfortably in inclement weather. In charge of execution of the problem was Major E. G. Burgess, commanding Third Battalion.

— A STRONG GUARD NEEDS RECRUITS —

TRI-BATTALION MANEUVER HELD IN EAST TEXAS

By Capt. William E. Yarbrough
Commanding Co. D, 32nd Bn. TSG

Field maneuvers were held October 23 and 24, 1943, by the three East Texas State Guard Battalions at Camp Tonkawa, located approximately thirteen miles southeast of Mt. Enterprise, Texas, in Nacogdoches County.

The terrain was ideally situated for the type of maneuvers held, being principally in a woody, hilly country with very little traffic and sparsely populated.

Task force commander was Major Olney H. Bryant, Adjutant General's Department, Austin, assisted by Major Thomas W. Gahagan, operations officer from the same department. Battalions participating were the 32nd, headquartered at Longview, under Major J. L. Tillery; the 33rd, headquartered at Marshall, under Major H. Y. Hinson; and the 23rd, headquartered at Henderson, under Major Ralph Holman. The 23rd Battalion acted as host for the maneuvers and was largely responsible for the preliminary arrangements, which were carried out with a noteworthy degree of efficiency. Referees for the ma-

neuvres were six regular army officers from Camp Fannin.

Actual Battle Conditions

The maneuvers simulated actual battle conditions with a remarkable degree of success. Battalion commanders were warned Friday, October 22, and alerted Saturday, October 23 at 1300, and by 1400 companies were alerted and instructed to proceed to the maneuver area. This was accomplished with great precision. By 1800 the full Task Force was assembled in the maneuver area for the purpose of protecting vital installations.

Although an inspection of the forces by the Task Force commanders was scheduled to take place immediately after supper, a violent electrical storm made everyone seek cover, which prevented a formal inspection. This electrical storm did provide a surprise test of the First Aid Station's ability to perform under fire. Eleven casualties were brought to the Station and treated for burns and shock resulting from being struck by lightning. Undoubtedly the quick and efficient handling of these cases prevented serious injuries, and only one of the casualties had to be removed to the local hospital.

The battalion commanders were briefed at 0700 Sunday, October 24, and assigned the following problems: the 23rd Battalion would comprise the enemy force, attempting to blow up a munitions plant located approximately five miles from the bivouac area; the 32nd and 33rd Battalions were to move under independent routes to the munitions plant and, if possible, prevent the plant's being blown up. Company commanders were briefed at 0715 and the Battalions moved out at 0800.

Brisk Maneuvering

After three hours of very brisk maneuvering, both battalions covered the plant, being too late to save it. They were then informed that the 23rd Battalion, after successfully blowing up the plant, were moving toward the bivouac area for the purpose of capturing it. They were prevented from doing this by the 33rd Battalion in a brisk fight at the camp site itself. The 32nd Battalion was able to divert enough of the enemy force through a diversionary attack to permit the 33rd to attack with overwhelming superiority.

All battalions were complimented by the Task Force commanders for their soldierly appearance and bearing, for their obedience to commands, and for their enthusiasm in the maneuvers. Army referees were also generous with their praise, stating that this maneuver compared favorably with regular army maneuvers in many respects. The head referee stated that the enthusiasm and initiative shown by the soldiers was "the best he ever saw." The subordinates particularly praised the Intelligence Section of the 23rd Battalion and cover precautions of the 32nd and 33rd Battalions. It was his opinion that both the 32nd and 33rd would have suffered minimum casualties in actual battle, because of this excellent cover.

Because of inclement weather, photography and air attack had to be cancelled. Perhaps the best part of the maneuvers for everybody was the excellent food served by the staff of mess

sergeants taken from the various companies. Several offers of marriage reportedly have been received by the mess sergeants as result of the reports of good cooking.

Maneuvers were ended at 1300 October 24, 1943.

— KEEP YOUR RANKS FILLED —

13TH BATTALION HOLDS MANEUVERS

The 13th Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Laredo, held its task force mobilization on October 10 and 11.

The Task Force Commander, Major Thomas W. Gahagan, put the battalion on the alert October 9. The order, issued by Major George D. Spencer, operations officer, told the battalion to be ready to move out in 36 hours.

The mobilization order, issued Saturday, directed the battalion to assemble at headquarters and move to the Flores Ranch, two miles east of the Laredo Army Air Field.

The problem was divided into three phases:

In the first phase, Company A served as enemy paratroopers. The enemy company was divided into groups of 10 to 15 men which were hunted down by the other three companies.

In the second phase, Company A was successful in storming and capturing a munitions dump.

In the third phase Company A captured the message center of the battalion but was dislodged later by the other companies.

Captain Dan Tompkins of Fort McIntosh acted as umpire.

Battalion commander is Major Ross Swisher.

In addition to Major Swisher, other battalion officers on the maneuver included: Capt. Miles L. Hanchett (S-1), 1st Lt. Pierre Block (S-2), Capt. Gerald W. Hildebrand (S-3) and Sgt. Mr. Samuel C. Alexander (acting S-4) Capt. Julius V. Joseph (Commanding Co. A), Capt. John Dickinson (Commanding Co. B), Capt. Francis D. Elstetter (Commanding Co. C), 1st Lt. Harry M. Emery (Commanding Co. D in the absence of Capt. Clyde Brennan), and Staff-Sgt. Phillip E. Champion (in charge of Headquarters Detachment due to absence of 1st Lt. Nicolas M. Sanchez).

— KEEP YOUR RANKS FILLED —

49TH BATTALION IN SAN JACINTO BATTLE

By 1st Lt. W. D. Collings

S-2, 49th Battalion

The 49th Battalion, commanded by Major George W. McLean, Jr., of La Porte, took part in the second Battle of San Jacinto maneuvers October 30-31.

The 49th received compliments on the way it moved to the bivouac area and detrucked.

The battalion had what was probably the most complete first aid and medical section on the maneuver.

Under the direction of the battalion surgeon, Capt. P. J. Mock, of LaPorte, and the assistant battalion surgeon, 1st Lt. L. Anigstein, Galveston (Univ. of Texas Medical School) a first aid tent was erected and was fully equipped with stretchers, splints, bandages, surgical instruments, drugs and medicines for emergency field use. A third doctor in attendance was the company physician of Company C, 49th Bn., 1st Lt. D. R. Aves, of LaPorte. The 49th's dental officer also was in attendance. He is Capt. W. L. James of Galveston. The

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THE 49TH ON MANEUVERS

Here are pictures taken of the 49th Battalion, Texas State Guard, during the Task Force maneuvers in the second battle of San Jacinto.

Top: Co. B, 49th Bn., issuing field rations. Left to right: Pvts. Telles and Adams, 1st Lt. J. A. Martelli, Sgt. Frederickson, Pfc. Caro, Cpl. Gomez, Sgts. Henkamer and Garner peer from the rear.

Second from top: Co. B, 49th Bn., awaiting orders to join convoy. 1st Lt. J. A. Martelli making sandwiches. Sgt. J. A. Gainer stands by. Col. R. E. Williams superintends Pvts. Caro, Smith, Reyna and Adams making up packs. Left foreground Pvt. F. Molina takes it easy. Right foreground Pvts. D. Telles and G. Swanson take a breather.

Third from top: Co. B, 49th Bn., after critique. Pvts. Smith, Garcia and Swanson lend support to Sgt. Webster, while Sgt. Gainer and Pvts. Molina, Caro and Adams rest in the background.



Tenshun!

During the recent recruiting drive, I was scheduled to make a speech to a group of Houston business men. After much preparation I finally wrote a short speech, but just before I was scheduled to speak, I heard one Guardsman tell another that the reason he did not wear his uniform to the meeting was because of his business associates. He did not like to wear his uniform in front of them. He was not proud of it. Well, I did not have the same opinion of the uniform as he did, therefore the well-prepared speech fell by the wayside and the following appeared, of which I am well proud.

My Uniform, just what does it consist of: It is the same as our buddies who are on the fighting fronts all over the world. It is the same uniform that has been paraded on the streets in England, Italy, in the jungles of Guadalcanal, and on the African shores. It will some day soon be parading down the streets of Berlin and Tokyo.

You say I have no right to cash in on victories in which we play no part. Well I differ from you, I say we do play a part. The story of why I claim this goes back to November 1940. How many of you recall when the National Guard was called to active service? Well I do. I did not get to go with them. I remember after they had gone how I kept watching for a way I could best serve my country. Then a group of volunteers realized we must form some sort of home front protection. After much time had passed the first meeting was called. I remember it well. There were exactly 12 of us who met. Our meeting place was the old Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston and the part of the building we met in had not been used for some time and while we were discussing our future plans, we kept up our target practice by throwing at rats scurrying around the room.

The outgrowth of this meeting was the formation of a Home Defense Unit. We were all civilians who, for one reason or another, could not yet meet the strict requirements set forth by our Uncle who had called our buddies to active service. We purchased our own uniforms and cut some guns out of wood to drill with. After much drilling our ranks began to grow, we grew from 12 men to one company, from one company to four companies and formed a battalion. How well I remember the first review and inspection. We had not had a lot of military training but even our reviewing officer had to admit we had something.

Then our uniform won its first medal. Out of the sky came a hurricane, destroying everything in its path. The guard was called out to protect property. Do you remember? I do. How well I remember. Have you ever been on guard duty all wet for twelve hours waiting for a relief to show up? I also remember the coffee. It might have tasted like iodine, but it sure tasted good when you were tired and cold.

Just after this event, the event that made us proud of our uniforms occurred. The big rat, the Jap, attacked us at Pearl Harbor. None of us will

forget that sneak attack. We were sure that now Uncle Sam would lower his requirements and use some of us, who by now had quite a little bit of experience, but we were still disappointed. I remember the speech we received that wiped away this disappointment. I don't remember who gave it, or I don't remember all of it, but part of it I will never forget. I quote for you. "Men this is war, there are jobs to do. We can't all be on the fighting front, some of us must stay home and prepare the tools for the armed forces to fight with. You men, who wear the uniform of the Guard and are preparing these tools, have a right to every medal that is won on the fighting front. The guard will relieve many a fighting man from the boundaries of the State of Texas to do war front duty. Gentlemen, I salute you."

After this, many minor incidents and much drilling occurred before our uniform won its second medal. It was at the Beaumont Riot. A job well handled, a job that could only be handled by a well trained and well disciplined State Guard or a regular army force.

Our ranks have been reduced by our men going into the service from the Guard. This is one thing we can surely be proud of, all of our men come back with ratings and lots of them with commissions. Sure I'm proud of my uniform. Why shouldn't I be? True enough there are no campaign ribbons on it, but I know that somewhere it is greatly decorated because it is not only the uniform of the Texas State Guard, but also the uniform of the United States Army. Once again I say, I am proud of this uniform I wear. If you are not, take it off because it is not proud of you.

—FRED NORMAN, Staff Sergeant, 48th Marine Battalion, TSG.

—SIGN UP A RECRUIT TODAY—

NEW 22ND BATTALION OFFICERS

Major James M. Delmar was promoted from captain to become commanding officer of the 22nd Battalion at Houston. He succeeds Major Samuel R. Haggard, who transferred to the Military Intelligence Department of the



Major James M. Delmar

This Month's FRONT COVER



There's no thrill greater than when the colors, flanked by a snappy color guard, marches across the parade ground. Emblematic of the color guards of the Texas State Guard is the color guard of the 5th Battalion, Austin, shown on the cover of this month's issue passing the reviewing stand at a recent parade-review at Camp Mabry, whose historic ground has felt the tramping feet of thousands of Spanish-American, World War I and Texas Guardsmen. This stirring photo was sent in by Lt. Stewart Harkrider, 5th Battalion.

—A STRONG GUARD NEEDS RECRUITS—

OUR AIMS

1. Adequate equipment for proper training and performance of duties.
2. Legal protection for Guardsmen in case of injury or other losses occurring in the course of training or the performance of duties.
3. Adequate funds to be appropriated by the Texas legislature to finance the proper operation of the Guard.

Adjutant General's office. Captain Max Swindosky, new operations officers of the 22nd Battalion. Captain Swindosky was transferred from the 48th Marine Battalion where he was commander of Company D.



Captain Max Swindosky

HONOR ROLL

Two headquarters detachments — from the 27th Battalion at Fort Worth and the 38th at Lubbock—led the Texas State Guard Honor Roll for October, Captain Wallace E. Adams, personnel adjutant of the TSG, announces.

The 27th took top honors with a grade of 95 and the 39th was second with 89.

During September Company B, 7th Battalion of Houston, held the top spot with a grade of 88.

Company E, 45th of Lockhart, was a close second with 87.

To qualify for this Roll of Honor, it is necessary that an organization have its minimum full strength as established by the Table of Organization (64 men for a company and 18 men for Headquarters Detachment), and that the attendance percentage for the month is 75 per cent or above.

The comparative grading system reflects the actual strength of the organization on the basis of 100 as a perfect score. Grades are computed by multiplying the total enlisted strength by the attendance percentage and adding 25 to the solution.

Organizations meeting minimum full strength requirements by having an attendance percentage of 70 to 75 percent are given Honorable Mention.

Institution of the HONOR ROLL is designed to give merited recognition for the units whose attendance entitles them to be listed as well as to serve as an inspiration to other units by showing them what can be done.

OCTOBER

Battalion	Unit	Home Sta.	Grade
27th	Hq. D. Fort Worth		95
39th	Hq. D. Lubbock		89
41st	Co. B Quanah		88
51st	Hq. D. Dallas		87
35th	Co. D Dallas		87
4th	Co. B El Paso		87
34th	Co. C Crane		87
45th	Co. E Lockhart		87
27th	Co. B Fort Worth		85
36th	Hq. D. San Antonio		85
28th	Co. C Corpus Christi		82
44th	Co. A Lufkin		82
27th	Co. E Fort Worth		82

14th	Co. D Pampa	82
7th	Co. D Houston	81
26th	Co. C Mercedes	81
19th	Co. A Dallas	80
11th	Co. E Ballinger	78
47th	Hq. D. Wharton	78
19th	Hq. D. Dallas	77
35th	Co. C Dallas	77
32nd	Hq. D. Longview	76
33rd	Hq. D. Marshall	76
14th	Co. B Borger	75
11th	Hq. D. San Angelo	73

Honorable Mention

Battalion	Unit	Home Station
2nd	Co. D Houston	
7th	Co. A Houston	
7th	Co. E Houston	
10th	Co. C Moran	
14th	Hq. D. Borger	
18th	Co. A Beaumont	
18th	Co. D China	
24th	Co. A Brownsville	
50th	Co. E Mt. Pleasant	

SEPTEMBER

Battalion	Unit	Home Sta.	Grade
7th	Co. B Houston		88
45th	Co. E Lockhart		87
18th	Co. D Beaumont		85
27th	Co. D Fort Worth		85
27th	Co. E Fort Worth		85
27th	Hq. D. Fort Worth		84
51st	Hq. D. Dallas		84
4th	Co. B El Paso		83
14th	Co. D Pampa		83
7th	Co. D Houston		82
18th	Co. A Beaumont		80
35th	Co. D Dallas		80
26th	Co. C Mercedes		79
2nd	Co. C Houston		77
27th	Co. B Fort Worth		77
28th	Co. C Robstown		77
11th	Co. E Ballinger		76
31st	Co. G Rio Gr. City		76
33rd	Hq. D. Marshall		76
24th	Co. B Brownsville		74
35th	Co. C Dallas		74
2nd	Co. D Houston		73

Honorable Mention

Battalion	Unit	Home Station
4th	Co. C Canutillo	
10th	Co. C Moran	
23rd	Hq. D. Henderson	
28th	Co. E Corpus Christi	



THE CHAPLAIN'S Corner

Major Gordon Reese
6221 Main Street
Houston, Texas.

Dear Major:

I believe The Texas Guardsman could be greatly improved, if we carried a monthly message from the Chaplain of the Officers' Association. I wonder if you will have time to write us each month a short message. I believe the Texas State Guard would welcome it.

If you think you will be able to do this, will you drop me a line. I would like to use it as a standing feature along with a picture of yourself in uniform.

Sincerely yours,

DON HINGA,
Executive Editor,
The Texas Guardsman.

Dear Mr. Hinga,

Your letter of November the fifth received and in reply may I say that I am very happy to write a monthly message from the Chaplain of the Officers' Association. I have said many times since the meeting in Austin of the Officers' Association, that I have attended many, many gatherings of many kinds but I have never in all of my experience attended a meeting of any group where there was as much harmony and good fellowship and good will displayed as at the Officers' meeting there. And I hope that before very long every officer in the Texas State Guard will become a member of the Association. I am inviting all of our Chaplains in the State Guard to join with me in its membership.

I think one of the biggest thrills I ever received, not because it affected me personally, but because the office of a Chaplain was quickly recognized, was that the first order of business taken up by Major Peacock after his election was the appointment of a Chaplain for the Officers' Association. This indicated to me that the Chaplains have a very real place in the life of the State Guard and of the Officers' Association and that it is a high honor for any clergyman to be invited into that fellowship to become a Chaplain.

From month to month I hope to be able to present to you a message from the field from our Chaplains, which will not only be of interest but will be helpful as well, for I think in the exchange of ideas we can be very helpful in stimulating and carrying on the work of the Texas State Guard. And I feel sure that every Chaplain will enter most heartily into all of the State Guard activities whether they be on maneuvers or bivouac, whether they be in religious services, recruiting campaigns or in battalion meetings—he will be there for God and for Country. So, many thanks for your invitation as well as the privilege of sending you this first message as Chief of Chaplains for your "Chaplain's Corner."

With all good wishes, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

GORDON M. REESE,
Chief of Chaplains, Major,
Texas State Guard.

SILSBEE MANEUVER OFFICERS

Three officers of the 9th and 43rd Battalions snapped on recent maneuvers held at Silsbee. Top, left to right, they are: Major P. T. Williams, in command of the 43rd Battalion; Captain Hollier, Co. B, 9th Battalion, and 1st Lt. H. McFarland, Co. B, 9th Battalion.



MAJ. LAWSON RETURNED TO AID RECRUITING

As Secretary of State, Maj. Lawson rapped the gavel calling into session the house of representatives in the last meeting of the legislature.

Always interested in military matters, he attended the first session of the Bullis officers' school and received a diploma for being the crack sub-machine gun shot of the school.

With a regular army officer, he inspects the fifth battalion, in which organization he served in all the ranks from buck private in the rear rank to major.



By Lt. Stewart Harkrider
5th Battalion, Austin

Officially, he's Maj. William J. Lawson, but out in the field with the Texas State Guard, Bill Lawson is one of the boys.

Maj. Lawson was a temporary addition to the staff of the adjutant general's department, and worked with the busy members of the staff on the completion of the state-wide war games, and the recruiting drive.

He knows the lot of the enlisted man in the Guard because he went up through the ranks to earn his commission. When the Guard was first organized in 1941 he enlisted as a private and soon became commanding officer of the fifth battalion. Moving away from Austin last spring, he was succeeded by Maj. Charles O. Betts.

Major Lawson was one of the few interested Texans who helped sponsor the first draft of the law setting up state guard units to replace the national guard mustered into active military service. The bill was flown to Washington and introduced in Congress by the late great Texan, Morris Sheppard.

After his selection as commander of Austin's own unit of the Guard, Maj. Lawson kept abreast of the latest military tactics and strategy by attending officers' training schools.

When the Guard was first organized in Austin Maj. Lawson took steps to see that men in the low-income brackets who wanted to join the Guard wouldn't

be stopped because of high-priced uniforms. He went to a store in town and arranged with the manager for the men to make volume purchases of uniforms at rock bottom prices.

His first thoughts always have been for the men in the ranks. As Maj. H. B. Cushman of the Bergstrom Army Air Base near Austin puts it, "With Maj. Lawson the men of the Guard come first, and that is the first attribute of a good soldier."

Maj. Lawson is a graduate of A. and M. College, and past president of the Ex-Students Association of that school. He has devoted much of his time to furthering the interests of A. and M.

He recently ended a term as secretary of state, receiving his appointment in 1941. Prior to that time he was Director of the Texas State Parks Board.

Associates of Maj. Lawson are familiar with one practical hobby of his—he is ever on the lookout for something which has been thrown away as useless to reclaim it and make it serve a purpose. It isn't unusual for him to stop suddenly along the road, pick up an old box, and later make an attractive "what-not" or bookcase from it.

This talent of his paid dividends for the state, too. Finding a set of old steel files which had been replaced with new ones, he directed conversion of the files into small safes. They were fitted with locks and sent to district park offices over the state to fill a genuine need.

The Adjutant Speaks

Every Battalion Commander in the Texas State Guard has received sufficient registration cards and information sheets to have registered every officer desiring to be a member of the Association. A few single memberships are coming in from some of the Battalions, but most of the Battalions have promise of coming in 100%.

The G-1 Section of the Adjutant General's Department was the first complete section of that Department to come in 100%. This is the personnel section, as you very well know, composed of Col. James C. Jones, Capt. Wallace Ewing Adams, and Warrant Officer Charles Gamble. If they had other commissioned personnel under their jurisdiction, I can assure you that they would have come in 100% also. I have first-hand knowledge of the work which is done by this section, and know that a tremendous amount of detailed work goes through these men's hands. They are serving well the Adjutant General, the Governor and the people of Texas. It is hoped that the other sections will follow the lead of the G-1 section in joining the Association.

The 5th Battalion was the first battalion to come in 100%. Every officer has paid for the coming year. Six officers of the 39th Battalion have registered. Our goal of a thousand members by January first can be reached if the commanding officers of the various Battalions will designate one officer to collect these dues and information and mail to this office. The individual membership cards have been printed and are in the mail to those who have already registered.

The officer's T.S.G. insignia, to replace the old T.D.G. insignia, is now available at \$1.25 a pair through the Joseph Man's Shop in Austin, Texas. I pass this information along to you, for I have received so many inquiries concerning the new insignia.

It is suggested that the various commanders change their guidons to reflect the new name of our organization, Texas State Guard, rather than using the old and now obsolete T.D.G. lettering. I make the above suggestions so that we may present a uniform appearance.

The following letter was sent to every battalion commander, and is reproduced here as a reminder:

1. Some battalions have indicated that they will register all their officers in the T.S.G.O.A. during the month of November for the year 1944. If this could be completed by all battalions, we would have our registration finished before the holiday season.

2. Of course I am proud of the fact that the battalion of which I am a member, the 5th, is the first to come into the Association 100% for 1944.

3. For your convenience, another registration sheet and additional cards are enclosed. The information supplied on this form is given to the Association Finance Officer, and the cards filled out by the officers are retained in the Adjutant's office.

4. Those officers of your battalion who are members of the Association are entitled to one officer member of the Board of Directors of the Association. Such chosen Director should be certified to this office by the highest ranking member of the Association in your Battalion.

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MARCH. The leading squad stands fast. The other squads move to their normal places by executing COLUMN HALF LEFT, then, at the proper time, COLUMN HALF RIGHT and are halted when the leading file is on line with the leading rank of the platoon.

(a) Whenever commands are given involving movements of squads in which one squad stands fast, takes up the march, continues the march, or changes formation, the squad

leader gives the appropriate commands.

READING ASSIGNMENT AND FILM SUGGESTION FOR DECEMBER FM 22-5 IDR.

FM 21-100 Soldier's Handbook. Training Film 7-143, Infantry Drill: The SQUAD.

Training Film 7-144, Infantry Drill: The PLATOON.

Prepared by the 2nd Training and Research Unit, Texas State Guard.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

LESSON NO. 6—Questions and Answers on THE PLATOON:

QUESTIONS

1. When the Platoon is in column of threes, what is the appropriate command to form line to the front?
2. Where are the relative positions of individuals in the platoon?
3. What is the normal distance between platoon ranks?
4. Who is responsible for maintaining proper direction and cadence of march of the platoon?
5. In how many columns does a three-squad unit march?
6. Name the components of the platoon.
7. State the commands that the platoon sergeant gives to dismiss the platoon.
8. Assume that the platoon is marching in column of threes at normal interval between squads. State the command and explain how to execute the movement to form at close interval.
9. When the command column right is given from column of threes, who is the pivot and what does he do?
10. How does the platoon execute: CLOSE RANKS—MARCH?

ANSWERS

1. 1. Column Right, 2. March, 3. Platoon, 4. HALT, 5. Left, 6. FACE.
2. The platoon leader takes position 6 paces in front of the center of

his platoon when in line. When in column, marches at the head. The second in command takes position on the left of the left man of the rear rank when squads are in line. When squads are in column he follows the rear man in the rear squad. The guide is posted on the right of the right flank man of the front rank when in line. When in column, he takes post in front of the right flank man.

3. 40 inches.

4. The platoon guide.

5. Three.

6. Platoon headquarters and several squads. The platoon headquarters consists of a platoon leader and one or more assistants.

7. 1. Inspection, 2. ARMS, 3. Port, 4. ARMS, 5. DISMISSED.

8. 1. Close, 2. MARCH. At the command MARCH, the squads close to the center by obliquing until the interval between men is 4 inches.

9. The right flank man of the leading rank is the pivot of this movement. He faces right in marching and takes the half step until the other men of his rank are abreast of him, then he resumes the full step.

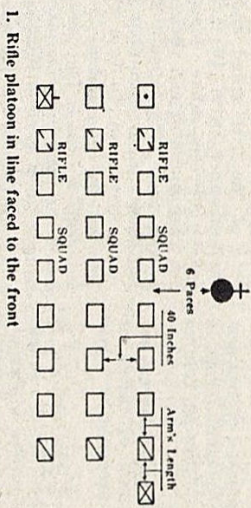
10. The front rank stands fast; the second rank takes one step forward and halts; the third rank takes two steps forward and halts. If there is a fourth rank three steps are taken and halt. Each man covers his file leader.

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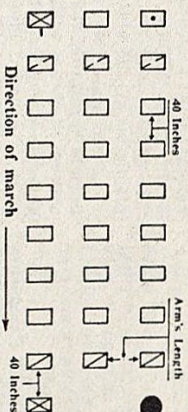
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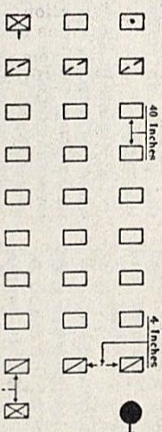
LESSON NO. 6—THE PLATOON



1. Rifle platoon in line faced to the front



2. At the commands: 1. Right 2. FACE. The platoon faces to the right Platoon leader and guide change to new positions At the commands: 1. Forward 2. MARCH It moves off



3. At the commands: 1. Close 2. MARCH The squad columns close to the center to 4-inch intervals

PLATOON IN LINE BEING MARCHED TO THE RIGHT

- ☒ Platoon Leader
- ☒ Second in Command (Plat. Sgt.)
- ☒ Platoon Guide (Sgt. File closer)
- ☒ Squad Leader
- ☒ Second in Command of Squad
- ☒ Messenger

B. THE PLATOON

1. The squads form in line, one behind the other, with 40 inches distance between ranks.

2. Squads are usually arranged to produce a three or four-rank formation so that by facing to the right the unit will march in column of three or column of four depending on the number of squads.

3. A three-squad unit forms in three ranks and marches in columns of threes.

4. A platoon composed of two sections of two squads each, forms in four ranks and marches in column of fours.

5. Movements described herein are applicable for column of three or four ranks and may be executed by either formation.

6. When in line, the platoon is aligned as prescribed for the squad, (refer to Lesson 5). The alignment of each rank is verified by the platoon leader.

7. The platoon being in line takes interval and assemblies as prescribed for the squad. This movement may be ordered after ranks are opened for the display of field equipment or for other special purpose.

8. **The Composition and Formation of the Platoon**—(a) The platoon consists of platoon headquarters and several squads. Platoon headquarters consists of a platoon leader and one or more assistants. For purposes of drill and ceremonies, a three-squad formation should be arranged and the size of the squads equalized.

9. Positions of Individuals—

(a) The platoon leader takes position 6 paces in front of the center of his platoon when in line. In march formation (column of threes), he marches at the head of his platoon.

(b) The second in command of a platoon takes position on the left of the left man of the rear rank when squads are in line unless otherwise indicated. When squads are in column, he follows the rear man in the right squad. The second in command observes the conduct of the unit, sees that proper formation is maintained, and that commands are promptly and properly executed.

(c) The platoon guide (a sergeant or other specially designated non-commissioned officer) is posted on the right of the right flank man of the front rank when in line. In column, he takes post in front of the right flank man. He is responsible for maintaining the proper direction and cadence of march of the platoon.

10. **To Form the Platoon**—The command is: **FALL IN**. The first squad forms in line, its center opposite and 3 paces from the platoon sergeant. The other squads form in rear of the first squad and in the same manner, with 40 inches distance between ranks. Members of the rear-squad extend their arms to obtain their approximate intervals but cover the corresponding members in the first squad. To form with close interval, the command is: **1. At Close Interval, 2. FALL IN**. This is executed the same as above except that squads form at close interval.

11. **To Dismiss the Platoon**—The command is: **1. Inspection, 2. ARMS, 3. Port, 4. ARMS, 5. DISMISSED**. The platoon is ordinarily formed and dismissed by the platoon sergeant.

12. **To March the Platoon**—The normal formation for marching is in column of threes with squad columns abreast, squad leaders at the heads of their squads. The platoon in line marches to the left or to the front for minor changes of position.

(a) **To the Right When in Line**—The command is: **1. Right, 2. FACE, 3. Forward, 4. MARCH**. This marches the platoon in column of threes to the right.

(b) **Guide in Marching**—Except when otherwise directed, men in ranks keep the proper distance and interval and align themselves on the men toward the flank on which the guide is marching. When it is desired to guide toward the left the command is: **GUIDE LEFT**. The guide and the platoon leader then change their relative positions.

(c) **Being in Column of Threes at Normal Interval Between Squads, to March or Form at Close Interval**—The command is: **1. Close, 2. MARCH**. At the command **MARCH**, the squads close to the center by obliquing until the interval between men is 4 inches. The rear squad takes up the half step until the dress has been re-

gained. The distance, 40 inches, however remains unchanged. Should this movement be executed from the halt, the squads close toward the center by executing right or left step until 4-inch intervals are reached. When in column of threes, the right and left squads left and right step two steps. To March or Form at Normal Interval, the command is: **1. Extend, 2. MARCH**. The squads open to the right and left from the center by obliquing until the interval between men is one arm's length. The center squad take the half step until the dress has been regained. If this movement is executed from the halt, the squads execute right or left step until they have secured the proper interval by reversing the procedure explained above, paragraph 12(c).

13. **Being in Column of Threes, To Change Direction**—The command is:

1. **Column Right (or Left), 2. MARCH**. The right flank man of the leading rank (not the guide or platoon leader) is the pivot of this movement. At the command **MARCH**, given as the right foot strikes the ground, the right flank man faces right in marching and takes the half step until the other men of his rank are abreast of him, then he resumes the full step. The other men of the leading rank oblique to the right in marching without changing interval, place themselves abreast of the pivot man and conform to his step. The ranks in the rear of the leading rank execute the movement on the same ground, and in the same manner, as the leading rank. To Form Line to the Front when in Column of Threes, the command is: **1. Column Right, 2. MARCH, 3. Platoon, 4. HALT, 5. Left, 6. FACE**. **HALT** is given after the change of direction is completed.

14. **Being in Any Formation in March, to March Toward a Flank**—The command is: **1. By the Right (or Left) Flank, 2. MARCH**. This movement is executed as prescribed for the squad. If the platoon is in column at close (4-inch) intervals, the squads in rear of the squad that becomes the leading squad take the

half step until they are at 40 inches distance from the squad ahead. This movement is used only for short distances.

15. **Being in Line, to Open and to Close Ranks**—Before stacking arms ranks are opened. Arms are then stacked by each squad.

(a) To open ranks the command is: **1. Open Ranks, 2. MARCH, 3. Ready, 4. FRONT**. The front rank takes three steps forward, halts, and takes two steps forward, halts, and executes dress right. The second rank takes one step forward, halts, and executes dress right. If there are four ranks, the fourth executes dress right. The platoon leader places himself on the flank toward which the dress is to be made, one pace from and in prolongation of the front rank and facing down the line. From this position he aligns the front rank. The second and third ranks are aligned in the same manner. In moving from one rank to another, the platoon leader faces to the left in marching. After verifying the alignment of the rear rank, he faces to the right in marching, moves three paces beyond the front rank, halts, faces to the left and commands: **1. Ready, 2. FRONT**.

(b) To Close Ranks, the command is: **1. Close ranks, 2. MARCH**. The front rank stands fast; the second rank takes 1 step forward and halts; the third rank takes 2 steps forward and halts; and the fourth rank, if any, takes 3 steps forward and halts. Each man covers his file leader.

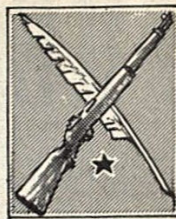
16. **The Platoon being in Column of Threes at a Halt, to Form Single File**—The command is: **1. Column of Files From the Right or Left, 2. MARCH**. The right squad of the platoon moves forward. The other squads stand fast initially and then successively follow the leading squad by executing **COLUMN HALF RIGHT** and **COLUMN HALF LEFT**. Distances of 40 inches are maintained. To re-form in Column of Threes, while at the Halt, and in Single File, the command is: **1. Column of Threes to the Left or Right, 2.**

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BOOK REVIEWS

By CAPT. JOSEPH M. MURPHY — S-1, 2nd Battalion, Houston



"HERE IS YOUR WAR," by Ernie Pyle. (Henry Holt & Co., New York, \$3.)

I know Ernie Pyle, and this book is just like the man. Simple and human. What a change it must have been for him to give up his old sweater, and the old brown slacks, for the U. S. war correspondent's uniform, when he went overseas. But he kept his old habits of rolling his own with Bull Durham and of loving people. Not the stuffed shirts, and the great and near-great, but just people. His greatest stories have come from and are about just plain people.

So this Ernie Pyle book about your war is just about "GI Joe" and his buddies; the kids who are fighting a hard, bitter, and dirty war for you and me. This is a good book because it contains the human side of the news. There is nothing about grand strategy in it—but a lot about the boys who are carrying it out. It is this phase that appeals to Pyle, for he writes: "I haven't written anything about the Big Picture, because I don't know anything about it. I only know what we see from our worm's-eye view, and our segment of this picture consists only of tired and dirty soldiers who are alive and don't want to die; of long, darkened convoys in the middle of the night; of shocked, silent men wandering back down the hill from battle; of chow lines and atabrine tablets and foxholes and burning tanks and Arabs holding up eggs and the rustle of high-flown shells; of jeeps and petrol dumps and smelly bedding rolls and "A" rations and cactus patches and blown bridges and dead mules and hospital tents and shirt collars greasy-black from months of wearing; and of laughter, too, and anger and wine and lovely flowers, and constant cussing. All these it is composed of; and of graves and graves and graves."

You oldsters who fought in France in the last war will see in the kids fighting this one, brought into sharp focus through Pyle's plain tales, the same reactions you experienced fighting in a foreign land. There is no attempt at building a connected narrative; each little story is a sort of candid camera shot, and there are many of them: The little Arab boy who crawled, horribly crippled, on his stomach until our fellows made a wheeled platform for him; snakes in the foxholes; the bomber which literally disappeared in thin air; the sergeant who bailed out with an orange in his hand and cursed because he had to drop it while pulling the ripcord; the Phi Gam who ate one night in strange fliers' mess and found five of the fellows his fraternity brothers; the ex-jockey who told Pyle that doctoring men and horses was about the same thing, except that you gave a horse twelve times as much.

And for the grand flourish, Pyle's summation in the final paragraph: "This is our war, and we will carry it with us as we go on from one battlefield to another until it is all over, leaving some of us behind on every beach, in every field. We are just beginning with

the ones who lie back of us here in Tunisia. I don't know whether it was their good fortune or their misfortune to get out of it so early in the game. I guess it doesn't make any difference once a man has gone. Medals and speeches and victories are nothing to them any more. They died and others lived and nobody knows why it is so. They died and thereby the rest of us can go on and on."

Here is your war! Fresh, stark and real, and we defy you to put the book down after the first ten pages!

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"THE BATTLE IS THE PAY-OFF," by Captain Ralph Ingersoll (Harcourt, Brace and Co., New York, \$2.00)

This is the book of which the Infantry Journal stated, "There isn't a soldier who won't be a better soldier for having read 'The Battle is the Pay-Off'."

Captain Ralph Ingersoll was in civilian life editor of PM, the New York newspaper.

The book by this combatant editor will do a great work in telling the folks back home about the great job the army ground forces are doing.

It is a remarkably detailed and vividly observed account of just what he saw and heard, did and felt in the course of one day of battle in Tunisia. It is a brilliant piece of straight reporting, and no one with any interest in our combat troops or in the mechanics of our new American army in battle action can help reading it with great relish.

As Ingersoll tells it, one feels that this is how an Army actually works and that it is necessary only to shift the locale and the circumstances to have a good general idea of modern infantry fighting on any one of our far-flung fronts.

"The Battle is the Pay-Off" takes up, as it were, one tiny segment of those black battle lines we all see on the war maps and shows the human realities—the talk, the housekeeping, the fears and the fighting—out of which it is made. The result is a miniature of the American Army doing the business for which it was built.

In one 16-page section Captain Ingersoll's description of what a modern army is, and how it works and fights, throws more light on this big phase of the war than in any book coming out of this war.

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"NAPOLEON AND MODERN WAR," by Colonel Conrad H. Lanza, U.S.A. Ret., (Military Service Publishing Co., Harrisburg, Pa., \$1.00)

Some of the greatest military thinking of all time comes within the covers of this little 158-page work. Colonel Lanza has taken the Maxims of Napoleon and illuminatingly and authoritatively annotated them, with especial stress upon two points. First, their essential and perennial soundness as ele-

mentary principles upon which to wage war. Second, their application to practice of the art of war under modern conditions and in consonance with developments which now are of commonplace practice and acceptance, but which were scarcely dreamed of, even by the most advanced theorists and thinkers of Napoleon's day.

Men are prone to think that a successful man is born possessed of magic powers or a formula for success. The case of Napoleon disproves that theory, for in this work, Colonel Lanza has enumerated the 115 maxims of Napoleon which the great leader dug out of books, military writings, history, and a varied set of practical military experiences. The maxims are short and clear. Colonel Lanza's comments are likewise short and clear, bringing modern application into comfortable and understandable focus.

Colonel Lanza's conclusions brief the more important of the maxims, and in the author's words, "No one will become a Napoleon solely by study of maxims. The conditions of war are subject to infinite variation, due to climate, topography, supplies, strengths, political conditions. There is no one science of war by which each of the variable conditions can be studied. Making use of many sciences—there is the art of war. It applies the sciences to the problem in hand. This distinction is essential." An appendix devotes a brief explanation of the nine principles of war, as announced in Training Regulations No. 10-5, by the War Department on December 23, 1921.

This book might well provide many interesting meetings for units of the Texas State Guard, and is highly recommended as a valuable addition to unit libraries as well as personal ones.

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"TAKE 'ER UP ALONE, MISTER!" by John J. Hibbits, 2d Lieut., Air Corps, (Whittlesey House, New York, \$2.50)

This book is included in our reviews this month because of the approach of Christmas. It is a book that many of you will want to give to aviation cadets you know, whether they be of your own immediate family or of a neighbor's. Certainly you'd be doing any one of these young men a great service in providing this interesting account of a cadet's training, from the first day he starts until he gets his wings and confidence that he is equipped to take the air and fight his country's enemies.

Hibbits takes a very unromantic and healthy approach to his job of becoming a flyer in Uncle Sam's great air force, so he does not color it up with a lot of sentiment and wordiness about trivial things. Every page holds one's interest with a sort of formula of "I did this today, because . . ."

After reading this book one gets the real story of what men of the Air Corps must go through in order to wear those coveted silver wings.

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Listed on this page are a few of the activities which earned Red Star rating for this community. There are, of course, numerous other things which the Chamber of Commerce has performed which are not included in the list. War work has, necessarily, been emphasized during the past two years. From the very beginning of the war the Chamber of Commerce has taken the lead in seeing to it that the people of Montgomery County have received up-to-date and business-like information on all regulations. Members of the Chamber have served on numerous boards and panels necessary to conduct of the war. In addition to the day-by-day routine work performed, the Chamber of Commerce has been successful in bringing to this county several new industries, and war activities which involve the expenditure of several million dollars here. These projects have greatly increased our population, and this

has entailed much work in helping the newcomers get located. We have secured an allotment for some new housing here, which will help the situation and give our city some permanent growth. The several departments of the Chamber of Commerce are hard at work on other projects and our prospects are bright for bringing some additional establishments here.

The Chamber of Commerce is truly a county-wide organization which works for all parts of the county. We have representation on our government board from all communities of the county. We believe we are properly and closely organized to put forth the full efforts of our people in the task of winning the war. It is the aim of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce to continue faithful service to our government.

REAGAN SMITH, President
E. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager



The U. S. Department of Commerce in a nation-wide survey found 147 communities whose Chambers of Commerce were carrying out such well balanced community programs, along with all war activity which they were sponsoring, that they designated those communities as

"RED STAR COMMUNITIES" Montgomery County Has Been So Designated.



Montgomery County Salutes Its Guard

One of the best jobs of selling their home community on the value and efficiency of the Texas State Guard is being done by Company D, 22nd Battalion, of Conroe.

In the words of Captain W. A. Moon, commanding Company D, "You can't lose when you have such a community with such outstanding civic leaders backing you up all the time."

Company D was organized back in October, 1940, as a part of the 22nd Battalion of Houston. It was granted armory space in the basement of the Montgomery Courthouse. By 1942 the Guard had done such a good job that

O. Etheridge, of Conroe, turned over a new 50 by 1000 foot building for the use of Company D.

Merchants and patriotic citizens pitched in and completely furnished the building. The Guard allows the American Legion and Auxiliary to use the building.

Just how the citizens of Montgomery back up their guard was demonstrated when the call came for "The Battle of Beaumont."

School Superintendent H. M. Anderson broadcast a call over the school's loudspeaker system for some 12 members of Company D at the school to report to the armory.

Chamber of Commerce members got lists of guardsmen and toured the oil company camps in the oil fields, picking up the guardsmen.

Within 15 minutes, two fast, modern school buses were standing in front of the armory, gassed up and ready to go.

Within an hour after the alert came, Company D was on the road to Beaumont.

They were one of the first out-of-town companies to arrive and were given the most important jobs of guarding the jail and prisoners' barricade.

One of the first things Captain Moon did after the company was formed was to organize a non-coms school. He stressed the importance of non-coms and their training and after three years, 1st Sgt. E. I. Conroe and Drill Sergeants John Simpson and Howard Porter are still active. Sgt. Conroe has missed only one drill in three years.

Pvt. J. D. Hoke, 64, is the pride and joy of Company D. He was one of the original members and despite his age has never missed a drill in three years.

Company D has sent over 100 men to the armed services. It boasts that not one is less than a corporal and several have been commissioned, attesting to the value of their guard training.

When State Guard Week was proclaimed by Governor Stevenson, Captain Moon turned the job of promoting the recruiting drive over to Sgt. Conroe. He lit in with a vim and when the campaign was over Co. D had a full complement and 22 men on the waiting list.

Here's how Sgt. Conroe did it: He had blotters printed carrying the recruiting message of the guard and these were inserted in gas, telephone,

electric light bills and bank statements. He went to patriotic merchants who pitched in and ran two full page advertisements on the value of the guard. Another large ad was also carried in another edition.

The newspaper carried a long story on Co. D's part in the San Jacinto Battlegrounds. Sgt. Conroe saw that Conroe did little but talk and hear talk about the guard.

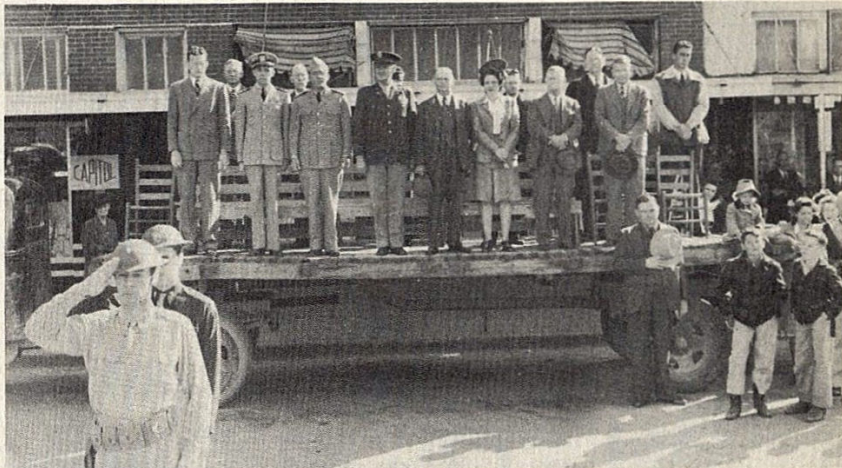
On Armistice Day, Major James Delmar, of the 22nd Battalion, brought Companies A and B from Houston and Company C from Humble to lead, along

with Company D, a long Armistice Day parade.

After the parade everyone was invited to witness several military demonstrations by the guardsmen on the lawn of the courthouse where a military camp and recruiting booth had been set up.

Major Delmar later addressed the Lions Club at a luncheon and Saturday night Co. D closed the drive with open house at the armory.

"We of Company D feel that we just have to have a top company if we are to live up to the fine support the citizens of Montgomery County have given us."



1—Beginning of the Armistice Day Parade at Conroe in which units of the 22nd Battalion took a leading part.

2—Montgomery County leaders and army and navy officers reviewing the parade. Included on the reviewing stand were C. P. Lancaster, District Judge W. B. Browder, A. E. Hickerson, O. Etheridge, J. I. Heard, A. W. Runyon, B. B. Rice, H. N. Anderson, and G. L. Anderson.

4—Captain W. A. Moon, commanding officer of Company D.

3—Left to right: Capt. Irvin C. Houck, Co. C, of Humble; Reagan Smith, president of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce; 1st Lt. Charles H. Thomsen, S-2, 22nd Battalion.

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eled, much of this confusion would have been eliminated.

The convoys moved too slowly at times, stopping and taking cover even when friendly planes came overhead. This caused delay in reaching the rendezvous point.

In summarizing the opinion of the experts as a whole, it can be said that the maneuver was executed as well as could have been expected because it was a new type of operation to most of those taking part.

— A STRONG GUARD NEEDS RECRUITS —

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Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, G-3, AGD, fastens the Military Intelligence Department insignia on the collar of Major Samuel R. Haggard, who transferred from command of the 22nd Battalion, Houston, to intelligence.

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Captain Louis E. Harrison, commanding Co. A, 12th Battalion, at West, recently had to disqualify himself from rifle competition with men of his company. The captain racked up eight bull's-eyes out of ten shots and then stepped down to give the others a chance. Regulation .22 rifle was used on an indoor range with targets at 75 feet.

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SPORTS AND THE SOLDIER

(The following column was written for The Guardsman by Harold V. Ratliff, sports editor of the Associated Press in Texas. He outlines why sports are essential to American fighting men. The Guardsman and the Texas State Guard thank Mr. Ratliff for his contribution.)

Over in Guadalcanal, the young man with the gun turns away from the radio bringing the Texas-Southern Methodist football game just long enough to shoot a Jap.

"Ellsworth plows right tackle for nine," drones the announcer and the bullet just punctuates the sentence.



In England, the husky fellow in khaki grabs a month-old newspaper, turns to the sports page and finds the Texas Aggies have walloped Texas Tech.

"Told ya Coach would come up with a ball club," he yells at the ex-Longhorn across the way.

And so it goes, as America fights a great battle on foreign fields and grid-iron battles at home.

That's what makes us so tough and strong and cocky that we're going to get the guy with the comic-strip mustache and the fellow with the buck teeth out of the play before another football season rolls around.

Sports build a lot of things—soldiers, fliers and love of the greatest way of life. They keep us guys with the protruding stomachs, thin hair and creaks in our joints full of the spirit and optimism of youth; help us do our share in fighting the war at home. They make those fellows on foreign fields just more determined to quickly end the war so they can get back and root from the sidelines for the Aggies, the Longhorns, the Mustangs, the Horned Frogs, the Bears, the Razorbacks and the Owls.

Sports do things for us—they give us determination, confidence and community spirit. They feed unconquerable manpower into the fighting lines.

In other words, sports are America. It's often been said but should be further emphasized that the way we're fighting this war is nothing more than the way we play football. We make end runs, we have our line-backers, our tail-backs, our flankers, and we have a line-boy, do we have a line! And that spinner play when the tanks go smashing thru is a honey.

The training program in our colleges is two-fold: boys are trained for war and for life after war. And while they're at it they become friends of the other guys they've never known before by playing football. This training program has worked wonders and it's been the life-blood of sports. Without it there would have been little football.

What a country! We give Hitler and Hirohito a licking in Europe and fight for the conference championship at home and the latter puts more stings into the first.

— KEEP YOUR RANKS FILLED —

Hitler was getting his wardrobe ready for another winter on the Russian front. "Mein Fuehrer," suggested an aide, "Napoleon when he was in Russia wore a bright red uniform so that in case he was wounded no one would know that he was bleeding."

"Dot's fine," Hitler replied. "Throw me my brown pants."

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ROLL CALL OF TEXAS HEROES (Continued from Page 13)

try, of Dallas, looks after the health of the fliers.

Philip Harold Lane, 37, of Dallas, member of the crew of the mine layer USS Pilot, helped save more than 100 members of the crew of a French tanker in the Atlantic.

The tanker was part of a convoy that had been plodding across the Atlantic



Chief John L. Schomer

for more than a week when it was struck by a torpedo.

While the oil-soaked French sailors swam about in the water singing The Marseillaise, Lane and other members of the crew shouted encouragement to them and pulled them up the nets to safety.

The mine sweeper was commanded by another Texan, Lt. Comdr. Sherman B. Wetmore, of Galveston, who directed the rescues.

When 15 Japanese Zeros attacked the bomber on which Lt. Victor Scammel, of Dallas, was serving as navigator on a raid over a Jap airfield near Wewak, New Guinea, bullets that tore through the plane wounded Scammel in the head and arms.

The plane completed the bombing raid only to run into terrible weather on the return to its base. Despite his painful wounds, Lt. Scammel hoisted himself to the plane's dome and gave a true bearing for the homeward course.

For his heroism, he has received the award of the Silver Star.

Lt. Leon A. Richards of Kilgore has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific.

A pilot of one of the troop carrier planes in the paratroop mission which blasted open the back door of Lae, Lt. Richards has been cited twice in general orders for his exceptional work in the New Guinea campaign.

Planes in his squadron are named

after famous trains, and his is "The Texas Special."

A citation "for meritorious devotion to duty as a volunteer member of a boat's crew engaged in the evacuation of a group of Marines from a beachhead on Guadalcanal Island on Sept. 27, 1942" has been accorded Chief Machinist's Mate John L. Schomer, San Antonio, newly attached to the Coast Guard captain of the port force in Corpus Christi.

"Although his boat was unarmed," the citation continued, "and in spite of the fact that it was necessary to pass through continuous machine gun and mortar fire from enemy held shore positions surrounding the beachhead, Schomer made numerous trips to and from the shore in order to effect the rescue of the trapped troops."

"Through his courageous actions, the safe removal of the troops was completed in a highly successful manner. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service."

The San Antonio Coast Guardsman manned a boat loaded with Marines which was in the first wave to hit Guadalcanal. He wears the American Area, Atlantic and Southwest Pacific campaign medals with three bronze stars, representing the Iceland action, the first assault on Guadalcanal and evacuation of the Marines, for which he was cited. Schomer isn't the only patriotic member of his family. His wife is Staff Sgt. Mary L. Schomer of the WAC, stationed at Rapid City, S. D.

A weary Lieutenant sat down for lunch in the officers' mess one day. As he unfolded his napkin, he was astonished to discover that the Captain sitting opposite him was reading his paper upside down. He observed this phenomenon for a moment and then tapped the Captain lightly on the shoulder. "Pardon me, Captain," he said, "but I wonder if you realize you are reading that newspaper upside down."

"Of course I realize it, you fool," barked the Captain angrily. "Do you think it's easy?"

A Broadwayite who had thrived for years on food at the Stork Club was inducted into the Army recently and sent to Fort Dix. When he sat down for his first meal cooked by Uncle Sam, he surveyed his plate of stew and beefed to the Mess Sergeant: "Don't I get any choice?"

"Yep," was the prompt reply. "You take it—or you leave it!"



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REMEMBER GOLIAD (Continued from Page 17)

day the 26th he was able to ride with a Mexican officer down to Copano Bay to see if the ship had arrived. In the early evening they rode back into the mission yard. Gen. Urrea, kindlier than some of his fellow commanders, had gone to Victoria, leaving word the prisoners, especially Fannin, were to be well treated.

The ship was not there; but it would be, by tomorrow, Palm Sunday, perhaps, or soon, surely. All the Mexican officers at the fort understood these "prisoners of war" were to be freed and sent home; all were courteous with Fannin, kindly to his boys. So this Saturday evening as the white moon smiled, the boys laughed, joked, and sang "Home—Sweet Home."

From the west came pounding hoofs bringing the special courier with Santa Anna's order: and the post commander, Lieut. Portilla, when he received it about 7 in the evening, muttered while he listened to the merriment within the stone walls, "Inhuman, barbarous!" But the order had to be obeyed: it was the voice of the supreme commander, Santa Anna. He must obey; but he would let the boys have this happy night, have their good rest, dreaming of the homes they would never see. He would carry out the order in the morning.

Palm Sunday, March 27, 1836; a time for church bells and devout morning services. Seven o'clock and the boys in sound slumber. Orderlies went about waking them, urging them to hurry for the march.

When they had marched out a little way from La Bahia they were separated into three divisions, and marched off in different directions. Strange, indeed, for soldiers who were to be paroled and taken down to Copano Bay to board a ship for home—but there were some among them who sensed what was coming and when the rifles were raised and the first shots rang out in the Sunday morning sunshine, they fell to the ground and lay as dead until the moment when they could go running across the prairie. Others broke and ran, were pursued, shot down. In all, about 47 of the more than 300 escaped, lived with the black memory of this bloody morning until they were old men.

Fannin, and Ward who had been captured at Victoria and brought in, were executed away from the others. Fannin gave his watch to an officer to be given to Mrs. Fannin; and begged not to be shot in the head but in the breast, and to be given decent burial. The watch stayed in the officer's pocket; Fannin was shot in the head and his body left on the prairie for the wolves and vultures. The surrounding prairie was carpeted with the unburied dead.

Small wonder Houston's little army, as it marched at last toward its splendid victory at San Jacinto, marched in rage and high resentment; small wonder, when their moment came, they rushed, yelling like savages to meet the trapped Santa Anna and his thousands though they were only hundreds. From their hoarse throats came their battlecry: "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!"

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Two Second Lieutenants were engaged in deep conversation one evening, when a little dog, nearsighted perhaps, mistook one of them for a spreading oak. The Lieutenant looked down in amazement. "How in heck did that dog know that I was a Second Lieutenant," he cried.

MANEUVERS HELD OVER STATE (Continued from Page 19)

49th's battalion chaplain was also present.

Under the capable technical direction of Staff Sergeants LeRoy Broeder and J. A. Morris of the communications section in the Hq. Det. of the 49th, a telephone communication system was set up. Through a regular field switchboard a network was established which connected Task Force Hq., each battalion Hq. (2nd, 7th, 48th and 49th), and each of the company commanders of the 49th into one communication system.

Under the supervision of Sgt. G. B. Nelson, Co. C, the 49th also had the advantage of three locally constructed "walkie-talkies" which were strictly without the "walkie" part since they had to be operated from an automobile battery.

A new "secret" weapon made its appearance during the San Jacinto maneuvers. Although the "details of its construction are a military secret" and only in the hands of the 49th's C.O. and Sgt. Nelson, the man with the "know how" respecting this weapon, it caused some consternation amongst the powers that be when it was announced. Major McLean revealed to Col. Thomas before the start of the maneuvers that the 49th possessed a machine, radio-like in appearance and portable, which sent out waves of sufficient strength to disable any gasoline engine within 500 to 1000 feet merely by destroying the normal function of the motor's condenser, making a new condenser necessary. The Major warned that any C.A.P. planes within range of this "new weapon" would in all likelihood be downed at once by motor failure. In some alarm Col. Thomas suggested that the 49th might bring the "weapon" along, but should promise faithfully not to throw the switch lest someone get hurt. When asked if this machine was being made available to the regular army authorities, Major McLean explained that "certain details remain to be worked out yet, such as, how to keep the thing from stopping our own automobile engines as well as those of the enemy." At this writing there is no evidence that any C.A.P. "bomber" suffered from this new device, although it did make its appearance on the battle grounds.

The low point in the maneuvers for the 49th was occasioned by a raid by the enemy (the 22nd) about 0400 Saturday. The raid was apparently directed at the headquarters of the 49th and well-camouflaged raiders filtered past outposts in sufficient numbers to dump a few "grenades" in the vicinity of the Hq. tent of the 49th. Prisoners were taken by patrols and were brought to Hq. Two were searched and taken within to be questioned by Major McLean and his S-2. Meanwhile other prisoners were taken and were brought to headquarters and admitted to the tent. In all, seven prisoners were there. Suddenly one arose and smashed two grenades to the ground. Major McLean immediately ruled that all prisoners, S-2, Hq., and himself were blown to bits and that command of the battalion was in the hands of his S-1, Capt. E. D. Hartel. No umpire was in evidence during these events, but Major McLean wished to impress upon his men that it is a good idea to search prisoners before allowing them to approach the Bn. Hq.—especially if that is apparently the objective of the raiding force.

—KEEP YOUR RANKS FILLED—

IN MEMORIAM

The Adjutant General announces with sorrow the death of Captain Arthur O. Moore, Chaplain, assigned to Headquarters, 9th Battalion, Texas State Guard, Port Arthur, Texas, which occurred at his home in Scotland Neck, North Carolina, 12 October.

Captain Moore served as First Lieutenant with the 39th Division under command of General Harry Hodges; assigned to duty as Chaplain 1918-19; held reserve commission until 1939; discontinued because of lack of time to attend Training Camp.

Captain Moore was appointed Captain in the Texas Defense Guard, 9 June 1941; assigned to duty as Chaplain with the 9th Battalion, Port Arthur, Texas, in which capacity he served most efficiently; was honorably separated from the Texas State Guard 7 October 1943, because of illness.

In his death the Military Forces of the State mourn the loss of a splendid citizen and soldier.

The Adjutant General of Texas wishes to extend to the members of his family and fellow comrades-in-arms condolence in this hour of bereavement.

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Brigadier General
The Adjutant General

41ST TAKES AIR FIELD FROM AIR CADETS

More than 150 Guardsmen of the 41st Battalion participated in a maneuver recently with Cadets at the Childress Army Air Field.

The Cadets, of about the same strength, were stationed at the CAAF maneuver area, which is located over 100 miles from Childress.

The job of the Battalion was to take the field which had been alerted.

Surprise was to have been the main force for the Guardsmen, but since the CAAF furnished transportation, that was out of the question.

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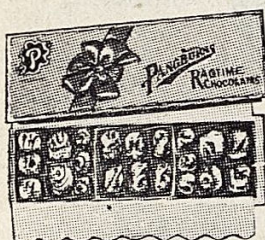
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DAVIS, Dan H.	2nd Lt.	Co. G, 4th Bn.	Fort Hancock
TOONE, John B.	1st Lt.	Co. G, 4th Bn.	Fort Hancock
AKERS, Edward G.	Captain	Co. B, 34th Bn.	Brownfield
NICHOLSON, Lawton	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 34th Bn.	Brownfield
TROUT, Chauncey M.	1st Lt.	Hq., 39th Bn.	Lubbock
JOHNSON, Hart	Captain	JAGD, TSG, AGD	Austin
JONES, Clarence C.	Captain	Co. C, 17th Bn.	Munday
HISEL, Warren B.	1st Lt.	Hq., 34th Bn.	Odessa
MILES, William D.	Captain	Hq., 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi
HANSEN, Rudolph C.	1st Lt.	Hq., 7th Bn.	Houston
NOEL, Oliver R.	Captain	Co. F, 14th Bn.	Dumas
McBRIDE, Newton	Captain	Co. B, 33rd Bn.	Jefferson
WHELAN, James V.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 33rd Bn.	Jefferson
WOMACK, Solman A.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 33rd Bn.	Jefferson
BERGMAN, Edward H.	1st Lt.	Hq., 39th Bn.	Lubbock
HAIR, Marion B.	1st Lt.	2nd Tr. & Res. Unit	San Antonio
HARDIN, Carl C., Jr.	Captain	Co. A, 5th Bn.	Austin
CABINESS, Cecil M.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 5th Bn.	Austin
PEARSON, Forest S.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 5th Bn.	Austin
SMITH, Roy L.	1st Lt.	Hq., 8th Bn.	Waco
DUKE, Roy A.	1st Lt.	Co. G, 10th Bn.	Stamford
HUSTON, Cleburne	2nd Lt.	Co. G, 10th Bn.	Stamford
McELROY, Hazael M.	Captain	Co. F, 11th Bn.	Eden
HEGAR, Jaroslav	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 12th Bn.	Hillsboro
BOND, Clyde	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 15th Bn.	Ranger
HARGROVE, Bret	Captain	Co. A, 21st Bn.	Woodsboro
RYAN, Lynn N.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 21st Bn.	Woodsboro
WATKINS, Ernest V.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 21st Bn.	Woodsboro
KLAUS, Hellmut	1st Lt.	Hq., 39th Bn.	Lubbock
GAMBLE, Charles L.	Chf. W/O	AGD, TSG	Austin
FERGUSON, Henry N.	Captain	Co. B, 24th Bn.	Brownsville
DILTZ, James H.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 24th Bn.	Brownsville
WHEELER, Joe A.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 24th Bn.	Brownsville
ALTER, Norman R.	1st Lt.	Hq., 42nd Bn.	Commerce
HALFIN, Constance	1st Lt.	Co. A, 49th Bn.	Galveston
WILLIAMS, Homer T.	1st Lt.	Hq., 21st Bn.	Woodsboro
THOMPSON, William C.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 39th Bn.	Lubbock
HARRIS, Robert L.	Captain	M.I. G-2, AGD, TSG	Dallas
SIPE, Robert V. B.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 7th Bn.	Houston
CANNON, Albert D.	Captain	Hq., 13th Bn.	Laredo
JONES, Winford E.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 44th Bn.	Lufkin
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DWYER, Roger F.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 2nd Bn.	Houston
HUNTLEY, Ashton L.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 2nd Bn.	Houston
BETHEA, Aubrey R.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 2nd Bn.	Houston
ROCKETT, Earl M.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 49th Bn.	Galveston
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THORN, Bernard B.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 45th Bn.	Cuero
SCHUMANN, Gilbert H.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 36th Bn.	New Braunfels
GRANBERRY, Frank P.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 37th Bn.	Corsicana
McCRUMMEN, Fred A.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 37th Bn.	Corsicana
LADIN, Frank S.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 7th Bn.	Houston
CONALLY, Ernest L.	Captain	Hq., 8th Bn.	Waco
WYATT, Charles A.	Captain	Hq., 33rd Bn.	Marshall
MORTON, Charles W.	1st Lt.	Hq., 44th Bn.	Lufkin
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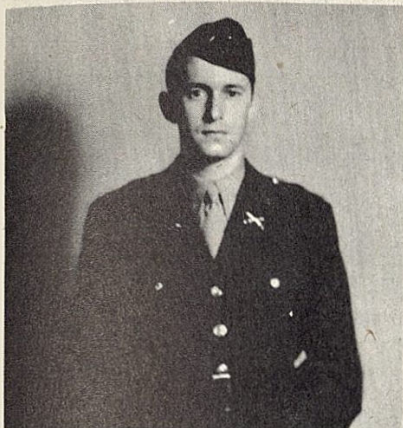
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Lt. William King (left) and Lt. Hoyt Crain.

Usually it's the army showing the guardsmen how to do it.

But at the Childress Army Air Field in November it was the other way around.

Col. John W. White, commanding officer of the CAAF, bombardier-navigation school, called Maj. Morris Higley, commanding officer of the 41st Battalion of the Texas State Guard, and asked for some men to train the military police at the field on the latest riot and mob control methods.

"But you have your own soldiers who should be good," Maj. Higley said.

"They are good, all right," Col. White said, "but not as good as your men."

That settled it.

Lt. Hoyt Crain, commanding officer of the headquarters detachment of the 41st Bn., and Lt. William King of Company A, were the instructors.

All men in the 41st Bn. were invited to witness the event.

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.—The M-3 sub-machine gun, known as the "Briefcase Howitzer," has been adopted as the standard subgun of the Army and will gradually replace other guns of that type, it was announced here.

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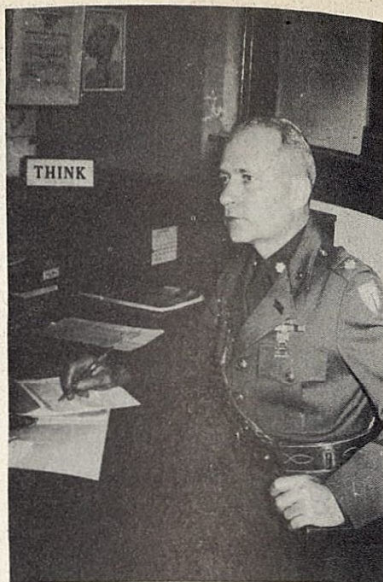
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Major Julian A. Weslow, commander of the 48th Marine Battalion, Texas State Guard, was named in October as chairman of the Houston Area Council policy board. He succeeds Major Edward R. Konken, commander of the Second Battalion.

THE INFANTRY PACK

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a short or long full field pack, depending upon the articles to be included in the pack.

STRIPPED PACK

Place haversack with empty meat can pouch attached on ground inside up, fold inside flap up to bottom of haversack, push suspension rings on inside flap through vertical button holes along the bottom of the haversack, then fasten snaps on pack suspender to the rings. Fold sides of haversack in, over inside flap, then pass haversack binding straps through loops on inside flap to the buckle on opposite side and fasten. Pass lower haversack binding strap through the horizontal button hole along the bottom of the haversack and turn up. Fold the outer flap and meat can pouch down and secure the buckle to the lower haversack binding strap. Now attach the stripped pack to the cartridge belt as in the full field assembly of the pack.

LIGHT PACK

The outside flaps and the inside flap of the haversack are folded in, in the same manner as for the stripped pack after the shelter half, tent pole, tent-pins, tent rope, and such other articles as may be specified have been folded in the shelter half and placed where the pocket is formed by the folding up of the inside flap and the side flaps of the haversack. Then the binding straps are fastened as in the Stripped Pack. The meat can, knife, fork and spoon are then placed in the meat can pouch and it is closed. The light pack is then attached to the cartridge belt as in full field assembly of the pack.

—A STRONG GUARD NEEDS RECRUITS—

During recent maneuvers in Mississippi, a company filed by an old dorkie who shaded his eyes and watched the troops go by with a broad toothless grin. "Doggone," he cackled, "you all gonna get dem Yankees dis time."

CORPUS BATTALION'S WEEK IS SUCCESS



A well equipped company.

Company A, 28th Battalion at Corpus Christi, Captain Meyden Lymberry, Jr., commanding, lays claim to being one of the best equipped companies in the Texas State Guard.

Here's part of their equipment: One Lewis 30-calibre air-cooled machine gun; six walkie-talkie sets; 70 Springfield trainer rifles with bayonets; one complete kitchen outfit; 70 new type bucket helmets; plenty of "tommy-guns."

Captain Lymberry, who at 24 is one of the youngest company commanders in the Guard, operates the Faust Cafe at Corpus Christi and to make certain that his unit will never be caught without rations, has arranged a 30-day standing account for food points with the local ration board.

Other officers are 1st Lt. Dudley Thomas, 2nd Lt. Preston Doughty, 1st Lt. Arthur Padilla, medical officer.

After weeks of preparation, the 28th Battalion of Corpus Christi and surrounding area started Texas State Guard week off with a bang on "Impact Day," November 8th. Activity continued through the week during which time some 75 new men were signed up in various units and many more interested.

The Guard week was started with two pages of publicity in the local newspaper, one being a page of publicity pictures, the other a page advertisement paid for by local merchants. During the week, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times cooperated in running daily news items about Guard Week and the activity of the 28th Bn. Two local radio stations, KEYS and KRIS, ran daily spot broadcasts regarding Guard Week. Some 10 local theatres ran daily trailers on Guard Week during the week of Nov. 7 to 13. Every luncheon, dinner and service club in the city was visited during the week by members of the Guard and short talks made to the members of the various organizations regarding the scope, duties and operations of the Guard.

The mayor of the city, A. C. McCaughn, issued a proclamation on State Guard Week. Numerous merchants in the city were furnished battalion equipment for window displays and several very attractive window displays were viewed by several thousand people daily. Placards and posters were distributed throughout the city. Stencils were pre-

pared and placed on all sidewalks and curbs throughout the city.

An open house was held Monday night, November 8th at the 28th Bn. armory and approximately 250 male guests attended and viewed a display of equipment. Several city and county officials attended. All members of the battalion took an active part in the week's activities and many new men were interested during Guard Week.

Company C of Robstown, under the able direction of Captain Jack Bickley held a program on November 11 at their company armory in Robstown.

The battalion turned out the night of November 11th to give the people of Corpus Christi a real show and in doing so really gave the people an idea of how a real guard unit works. The newly formed Company G, commanded by Capt. Pat W. Limerick, acted as the mob and stormed the city hall in an attempt to remove a prisoner from the city jail. The mob paraded through the city streets with sticks and stones and were suppressed for the moment by the city police who aided in this demonstration. The mob soon got out of hand and the Texas State Guard was called. The other units of the Battalion moved in from three directions and Company B under the direction of Captain William

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L. Barbour was ordered to disperse the mob while the two other companies stood by and maintained a security force. Captain Barbour, accompanied by an armed guard attempted to disperse the mob by calling on their patriotism to disperse without force. Being unable to accomplish dispersion in this manner, Captain Barbour called on his troops and they moved in, in a diagonal formation and pushed the mob into the street away from the building, where a wedge was formed and the mob pushed into an intersection and dispersed. Guardsmen used fixed bayonets, smoke and all riot formations in the successful dispersion. Incidentally, there were no casualties and the leader of the mob was captured in record time. The maneuver was witnessed by the Provost Marshal of Corpus Christi, Capt. H. H. Hearfield of the U. S. A. Military Police, who stated the demonstration was a success. During the demonstration approximately a thousand spectators gathered. The demonstration was authorized by city and county law enforcement officers and witnessed by them. The operations were under the direction of Major P. H. Kelly, Bn. Commander, who maintained his command post in one of the buildings across from the operations where he had a complete bird's-eye view of the entire activity. Company A, under command of Capt. M. P. Lymberry, maintained a security force and Company E, under Capt. Andrew Alvarez, was on a vigilance detail.

**NEW COMPANY FORMED
AT CORPUS CHRISTI**

By Lt. Charles W. Vettors
Co. G, 28th Battalion

A new company for the Texas State Guard was born during State Guard Week at Corpus Christi when Company G was inducted as part of the 28th battalion.

Three officers and approximately 60 men make up the new company which is officered by Captain Pat W. Limerick, company commander, 1st Lt. Charles W. Vettors, and 2nd Lt. W. A. Blanton.

The induction ceremony was held by Major C. T. Edwards, Inspector-Instructor, AGD. The entire 28th battalion, commanded by Major P. H. Kelly, was on hand for the induction ceremony, after which a review was held.

Some 25 new men were added to the new company as a result of the recruiting drive during State Guard Week. Many of these men have had years of experience with the army, navy and marine corps.

The addition of Company G gives the 28th Battalion seven rifle companies and a headquarters detachment. Four of the rifle companies and the headquarters detachment are located at Corpus Christi, one in Robstown, one in Kingsville, and one at Ingleside.

**GUARD TEAM LEADS
CORPUS WAR CHEST**

Major P. H. Kelly, Commanding officer of the 28th Bn. of Corpus Christi, was called on by the chairman of the Corpus Christi Community War Chest to act as Team Captain to aid in solicitation of contributions. Major Kelly asked for volunteers and immediately formed a team of Guard Officers.

There were approximately fifty teams working in Corpus Christi and the Texas Guard team led every other team, contacting about 150 people and securing contributions to the extent of \$4,300.00. Incidentally, there were five

teams in the District in which the State Guard Team worked and the quota for the entire division was only \$4,360.00.

District No. 1 exceeded the quota by several thousand dollars due primarily to the fine showing made by the Guard Team.

**CO. G, 28TH BATTALION
IS INDUCTED**

A new unit of the Texas State Guard came into existence on Nov. 4 when Company G was formally inducted into the 28th battalion at Corpus Christi.

Following the induction ceremony a formal review was held with the following officers in the reviewing stand: Capt. Arthur N. Johnson, battalion adjutant; Capt. William D. Miles, plans and training officer; Lt. Walter Paschen, intelligence officer; Lt. Sam Isenberg, supply officer; Lt. Neiland Padilla, medical officer; and Capt. Francis Kasper, battalion chaplain.

Capt. Pat W. Limerick, as company commander, led the new company in review. Other leaders of the company are Lt. W. A. Blanton and Lt. Charles W. Vettors, platoon commanders; and Lt. Arthur Portella, medical officer. Maj. Preston H. Kelley, battalion commander, led all the troops in review.

Climax of TSG Week was the simulated mob riot and dispersal near the city hall on the night of Nov. 11. Other highlights of the week of commemoration were a series of radio programs and interviews broadcast over KRIS and KEYS; addresses by guard members at local service clubs and participation of local theatres and merchants.

A SWELL IDEA!

Captain Andrew R. Alvarez, commanding Co. E, 28th Bn., at Corpus Christi, has arranged an ingenious and effective plan for keeping up the attendance of his men.

Captain Alvarez had mimeographed forms made up for gasoline. Then he secured sheets of C stamps from his gasoline ration board. Each man in the company with a car is given one of these forms executed for at least four gallons of gas.

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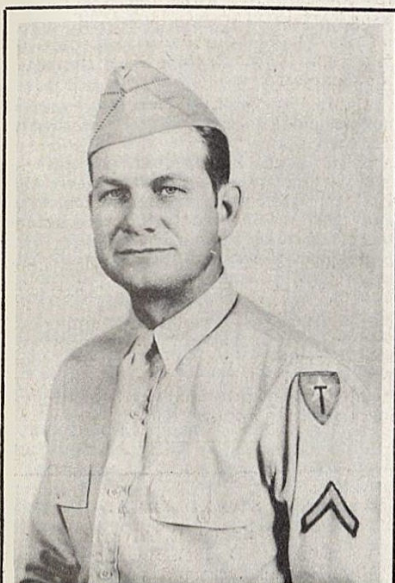
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LT. ROBERT V. BELUE

Texas Guardsmen of the 23rd Battalion and American Legion members on Nov. 8 paid final tribute to Lt. Robert V. Belue, of New London, whose death followed an illness of several weeks. Services were conducted at Overton, with the Rev. Herman Morgan, Atlanta, officiating, assisted by Capt. C. W. Holmes, Chaplain of the 23rd Battalion and Rev. A. A. Leifeste, of the Carlisle Methodist Church. Lt. Belue had served with the New London "A" Company of Texas Guards for some years. He was a veteran of World War I and a past commander of the New London Legion post.

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(The following circular letter was addressed to all unit commanders of the Texas State Guard. Its subject, "Officer Training," is of interest and importance to every officer of the Guard.)

1. The saying "A Gentleman by Act of Congress" may be applied to State Guardsmen in that they are "Gentlemen by Order of the Governor." Even from the beginnings of history military leaders have traditionally been men of upright character and high ideals.

2. From the Dark Ages, there emerged the Age of Chivalry which was characterized by the revival of high standards of personal honor and integrity. Military men who demonstrated ability as leaders in war, courageous, honest, unselfish, loyal and chivalrous men, were typified by those whose preeminence in these qualities was recognized by elevation to knighthood. They became the leaders in civil and political affairs of that time, and left their imprint in the traditions and customs which so greatly influenced the conduct of succeeding generations.

3. Through the centuries since the Age of Chivalry the military profession has cherished and preserved the finest and best of the ideals of that period. The traditions and customs which merited approbation as standards of personal conduct have survived in what is known as "Customs of the Service," which is largely an unwritten code of honor, of ethical standards to which the military leader must rigidly adhere to merit the confidence of his superiors and to command the respect, loyalty and obedience of his subordinates.

4. The natural consequence of generations of scrupulous adherence to these high standards of personal integrity is that commissioned officers as a class enjoy an esteem not generally accorded to other persons, not because the individual has personally demonstrated his own virtue, but because his brother men of arms have so persistently established a tradition that it is now recognized in regulations and law. THE WORD OF A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IS COUNTED AS GOOD AS HIS BOND. The written certificate of a commissioned officer is accepted in military administration in lieu of statements which other persons are required to subscribe to under oath.

5. But woe unto the officer who for his own advantage knowingly subscribes to a false certificate! Not only does he deserve the contempt and scorn of his fellow officers, but he is guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, for which the Articles of War prescribe a mandatory penalty of dismissal from the service. The dishonor and resulting smirch upon the other commissioned personnel is such that for the good of the service, and the reputation which he enjoys, in case he finds the duty of every officer, in case he finds that another stoops to the accomplishment of a false certificate, to take whatever action may be necessary to purge the service of the contaminating influence.

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The Texas Guardsman

31st Battalion Parades in Seven Valley Cities



McAllen is one of the few cities its size in the state supporting two units of the Texas State Guard. One is Company B and the other is the headquarters detachment, 31st Bn. Pictured here is the detachment in formation. Commanding officer is Lt. J. B. Ashcraft, front. At left front is Lt. Murray D. Hensley, battalion supply officer. Holding the detachment colors is Master Sgt. Charles Owens. Other men in the detachment are, left to right, front row: Tech. Sgt. Mynatt Smith, Tech. Sgt. Howard Smith, Corp. Leopoldo Castro, Pfc. Sam R. Greer, Pvt. Leonard Irving, Pvt. Richard Bales, Corp. P. D. Moore, Sgt. Joe LeBow and St. Sgt. Daniel P. Junkin; back row: Sgt. Charles P. Seger, Pvt. Jay Doyal, Pvt. Temme Petrich (barely visible), Pvt. Lloyd B. Langston, Pvt. Charles Isenberger, Pvt. Calvin McMillan, Corp. Leon Hatcher, Pfc. Alfredo Guerra, and Pvt. Oscar Castro. Several men were not present when the picture was taken. (Photo by C. H. Britton, McAllen.)

By Tech. Sgt. Mynatt Smith
Hq. Detachment, 31st Bn.

A parade which demonstrated the strength of the Texas State Guard to residents of seven Hidalgo County cities and which took four hours to complete was staged Nov. 11 by the 31st Battalion, TSG, under the command of Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen of Mission. Approximately 300 uniformed men took part. It was the only event of its kind ever staged in the Rio Grande Valley since the inception of the Guard and was possible because of the peculiar geographical characteristics of the Valley, all of whose cities and towns are virtually within a stone's throw of each other.

Six out of seven companies in the battalion joined along with the headquarters detachment to stage the parade. The battalion's seventh company, located at Rio Grande City, was 45 miles away from the scene of the activity and because of gasoline rationing was instructed by Major Bentsen to remain in Rio Grande City and participate in the Armistice Day celebration there instead of joining the other units.

The parade formation was organized at 8:45 a. m. at Mission and the two-block procession moved through the business district there. Then the men got into their cars, organized a motorized patrol, and proceeded to McAllen. From there they went to Edinburg, Pharr, San Juan, Alamo, and Donna. Thus, with the exception of Rio Grande City in Starr County, the battalion covered all of the territory embraced by its organization.

Similar Armistice Day mobilizations were conducted by other battalions in the Valley, including the 26th, based on Mercedes, and the 24th, with headquarters at Brownsville.

The Hidalgo parade highlighted an intensive week of recruiting for State Guard units.

Sharpshooters Ready

Sharpshooters of Co. E, 31st Bn., TSG, of Donna are ready to take on any marksmen in the United States or Canada.

The company, many of whose mem-

bers excel on the rifle range because of long practice and keen interest in such activity, has issued a challenge to any rifle team of eight or more members anywhere in the U. S. or Canada, to compete for practice, record or prizes with 30.06 rifles at three distances and positions.

Capt. Harold Vertrees, commander of the Donna company, has acquired a complete rifle and pistol shell-reloading outfit, and Aaron Todd, member of the company, is already at work with it for company ammunition.

The Donna company undertook an interesting field exercise when Captain Vertrees during a regular drill session assigned a picked group of 20 men to go to the pumping station south of town on the Rio Grande on a problem whose details were unknown to the remaining members of the company.

With the 20-man detail in charge of the pumping plant, the rest of the Donna guardsmen were assigned to move in and capture the plant—this unknown to the advance detail. The result was a hot time for several minutes.

Federal Inspection

Co. G, 31st Bn., TSG, of Rio Grande City underwent a federal inspection Oct. 12 with what was considered to be a record turnout of three officers and 69 men under the command of Capt. John Pope.

Maj. S. F. Crecelius, Jr., of Fort Brown, Brownsville, conducted the inspection, accompanied by Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen of Mission, commander of the 31st Battalion.

The Rio Grande City company, although the newest unit in the 31st, has one of the battalion's best records for maintaining its authorized strength.

Headquarters Detachment

The McAllen headquarters detachment of the 31st Bn., TSG, stood for a local inspection Oct. 18 with Capt. Richard Berry, commandant of cadets at Moore Field, Rio Grande Valley army air school for advanced fighter pilots, in charge. He was assisted by Lt. Joseph

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31st BN. PARADES IN VALLEY (Continued from Preceding Page)

Hughes and Lt. William McCurdy, also of Moore Field.

Lt. J. B. Ashcraft III, commanding the detachment, presented his unit for the inspection with two officers and 24 of 28 enlisted men present. Open rank inspection was followed by close order platoon drill under Lt. Rudy L. Nordmeyer and close order squad drill under Tech. Sgt. Mynatt Smith.

The air field officers complimented the unit on the progress it has made in basic exercises.

The detachment has received considerable new equipment, including woolen O. D. uniforms for winter use, raincoats, leather gloves and woolen jackets.

Co. C, 31st Bn., TSG, of Pharr, under the command of Capt. John C. Jones, recently practiced night patrolling by sending men into the field under cover of darkness to scout out given objects and return to their posts. Captain Jones plans to develop several men into excellent patrol operators in preparation for the next maneuver the battalion undertakes.

Captain Jones talked to the company on military courtesy during a recent drill session, declaring: "Military courtesy is the foundation of any military organization and I want Co. C to learn this well." Pvt. Robb Everhard discussed first aid and surgical dressings at the same session, while Clyde Salter of the Pharr Volunteer Fire Dept. gave a demonstration in the use of a resuscitator-inhalator recently acquired by the department.

The captain has ordered some training films for display before the company at an early date.

Company F Promotions

First Sgt. Peyton Weaver of Co. F, 31st Bn., TSG, of Edinburg, has been recently promoted to that post to succeed Sgt. E. H. Nordmeyer, who relinquished the work because of other pressing duties.

Capt. Clayton R. Baird, commanding officer, announced the promotions.

The Edinburg company of the Guard sponsored the newest scrap collection drive to be staged in the community. A number of Guardsmen took part in the campaign.

Lt. Rothe in Charge

Lt. Hans H. Rothe, a veteran officer of Co. B, 31st Bn., TSG, of McAllen, has been placed in charge of the company following the recent resignation of Capt. C. D. Martin, who had commanded the unit since its organization. Captain Martin has resigned his post as city secretary of McAllen and has returned to Kansas City, Mo., to enter business.

Coincidental with the assignment of Lieutenant Rothe, Sergeant Lee Cherry Smith of Co. B has been commissioned a lieutenant and named second in command of the McAllen company. Both Lieutenants Rothe and Smith are native Texans, the former hailing from Hondo and the latter from Liberty.

A platoon of men from Co. B under the command of Sgt. Osborne Webb drilled the night of Oct. 29 between the halves at the McAllen-Donna football game in McAllen as a means of showing the townspeople what the Guard is doing in the way of military training and preparation.

On Oct. 7 the McAllen company was given a federal inspection by Maj. Carl Schupp of Fort Brown, Brownsville. He and his assistant, Captain Moore, went into detail with the Guardsmen on several topics, including riot formations, close order drill, care of pieces and other subjects. Members of the company said the inspection was one of the most

informative they had had because of the care with which each detail was discussed by the inspecting officer.

Sons Also Serve

Sons of Texas State Guardsmen also serve.

Lt. Carroll D. (Cotton) Lyons, Jr., son of Lt. Carroll D. Lyons of Co. A, 31st Bn., TSG, of Mission, has arrived in England for service with the U. S. Army Air Forces and already has participated in bombing raids on the continent.

Lieutenant Lyons Sr. is a veteran member of the Mission outfit. His son finished his training as a bombardier only a few months ago in Texas.

Company Report Praised

Good reports on company activities are vital, and when forms are turned in properly the men who prepare them can expect to be commended.

For the third time in recent months, Co. A, 31st Bn., TSG, of Mission, has received commendation on its preparation of Form 10. Capt. Lonnie E. Reed read to the company a letter from Capt. Wallace E. Adams, personnel adjutant, AGD, at Austin, praising the company "for the good order in which Form 10 for August was submitted." The credit went to Pfc. John Wycoff, who prepared the form for the company clerk, Sgt. Leon Brown. Twice before the Mission company has been so commended.



Gentlemen:

I am sure that after a few satisfactory exchanges have been made "The Swap Column" will go over the top. Every company in the state must have several articles that could be used to advantage by others.

Please announce in your column that Company D of the 28th Battalion has the following NEW shoes for exchange:

2 pr. size 6
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In exchange we want 3 pr. size 10½;
5 pr. size 9½; 5 pr. size 9; 7 pr. size 8½;
5 pr. size 8; new shoes.

We have the following OD wool trousers unused as issued:

9 pr. 32-28
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12 pr. 32-34
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2 pr. 36-32
4 pr. 34-32

Communicate with Capt. Edward V. Erxleben, Company D, 28th Bn., Ingle-side, Texas.

Yours truly,
EDWARD V. ERXLEBEN.

Gentlemen:

Here is one for your swap column. Shirts O.D. 10 size 16, swap for 14 and 14½.

Trousers O.D. 5 size 42, swap for 34 waist.

Trousers O.D. 1 size 44, swap for 48 waist.

Leggins, canvas, 2 pair size 3, swap for size 5.

Blouses O.D., 4 size 38, swap for 3 size 40 and one 48.

Shoes, 16 pair size 6½ and 7 E and EE, swap for 8½ to 10.

Thanking you for this, I am
1st Lt. R. F. HORAN,
Co. C, 17th Bn., Munday, Tex.

ARMY "POURS IT ON" AT SERVICE SCHOOLS

By Lt. Stewart Harkrider
5th Battalion, Austin

The army is "pouring it on" the state guard officers attending the Fort Belvoir, Va., eight weeks' course, according to word received from Capt. John P. Crowe, Austin, who is one of the five Texas State Guard officers selected by the war department to attend the army special service schools.



Newest and latest technique used by the army in camouflage will be passed on by Capt. John P. Crowe, center, to his camouflage company at Austin, after he returns from the Fort Belvoir, Va., Guard officers' school. Capt. Crowe is shown with a netted helmet.

Capt. Crowe, commanding officer of the only camouflage company in the Texas State Guard, left the latter part of October. The other officer selected was Capt. Carl F. Murray of the 2nd Battalion, Houston, who is attending a guard officer's school at Fort Custer.

"Get in line or get out" is the order snapped out at any guard officer who fails to keep a straight file during the period of close order drill. The army instructors give the guardsmen plenty of close order drill and a man has to be in tip-top physical condition to keep up with the company, said Crowe.

Capt. Crowe has been selected commander of Company D, one of the several guard companies training at Fort Belvoir.

The company often must march 2 to 4 miles between classes, said Capt. Crowe, and the men are not allowed to stop along the line of march and "pick flowers," in other words, it's an intensive hurry-up course which must be covered in eight week's training.

Map making and reading, the new movements on close order drill, and various other related subjects pertaining to the training of an engineer battalion is being covered in the course.

Capt. Crowe was selected for the course because of his outstanding ability and initiative in the field of camouflage. He is an expert in color and color photography, and has developed and invented camouflage tricks in the camouflage company at Austin. Capt. Crowe also has invented and developed several kinds of booby traps which are now used by the army in its field training to acquaint the soldiers with the sound and effect of booby traps under actual battle conditions.

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Capt. Crowe enlisted with Co. C of the 5th battalion, Austin, as a buck private one year ago. He was soon promoted to sergeant, assigned to headquarters detachment. He undertook the task of organizing a camouflage platoon in Austin, and personally recruited more than 35 picked men for the platoon, which he headed with the rank of second lieutenant. Upon the resignation of Capt. Harry McKee, Capt. Crowe became commanding officer of the only camouflage company in the Texas State Guard.

— SIGN UP A RECRUIT TODAY —

THE DOUGHBOY—PARAMOUNT SOLDIER

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mines. As air-borne infantry and paratroopers, it is delivered at the scene of conflict by transport planes, but fights as infantry upon landing.

But the development of greatest significance in the infantry is the combat team, consisting of the infantry regiment and the supporting battalion of field artillery, operating, after a breakthrough, under direct orders of the infantry regimental commander and capable of fighting a separate and independent battle. In Tunisia, the artillery and infantry functioned almost as one unit.

"Smoke-begrimed men, covered with the marks of battle," American and Filipino infantry, survived the severest shock of battle in the foxholes of Bataan and succumbed only to the "throtling finger of hunger."

Amid the debris of shattered buildings in the streets of Stalingrad, defending infantry maintained itself against the most determined machine-led Nazi force, and then launched the victorious counterattack.

What was proved in Bataan and Russia was confirmed in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. Having stopped Rommel at the Quattara Depression, General Montgomery repudiated theoretic verdicts by breaking the Nazi battle line with infantry attack and repeated the achievement at the Mareth Line. General Eisenhower reaffirmed the sovereign role of the doughboy by the break-through with infantry attack at Hill 609 at bloody Djebel Bou Aoukaz in Tunisia.

About the disputed beachhead at Salerno, General Clark's infantry absorbed the shock of Nazi steel-shod spearpoints and then swept in attack to the hilltop overlooking Naples.

In every case, victory was won by the attack of infantry supported by intense aerial and artillery bombardment.

When the curtain shall have been rung down at the end of this war, many million American and associated doughboys, grim, hobnailed, begrimed with mud and sweat, will halt their victorious attack and with the points of their bayonets will trace the fate of nations on the scroll of time.

They will reaffirm the age-old truth—that "man remains the fundamental instrument of war." The doughboy remains the paramount soldier.

— A STRONG GUARD NEEDS RECRUITS —

The company's clumsiest recruit was experiencing his usual difficulty in executing the command, "Present Arms." The drill sergeant studied him with disgust. "Where is the balance of your rifle?" he inquired.

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PARADE IS STAGED BY SIXTEENTH BATTALION

The Sixteenth Battalion, commanded by Major Walton B. Killough, brought State Guard Week to a successful conclusion on the evening of Saturday, November 13, by a parade and public demonstration, which all spectators agreed engendered pride in the State Guard.

The parade, which was sparked by the band from the 766th M.P. Battalion, furnished through the cooperation of Colonel Houston, the Commander, began in Pelly at 5:45 p.m., and marched through Pelly, Goose Creek, and Baytown. The parade terminated at the Baytown Humble Baseball Park, where supper was provided for the Battalion and the visiting band. After supper the Battalion was inspected and reviewed by Major Edwards, I.G.D., of the Adjutant General's Department, Austin, following which demonstrations of State Guard training, methods, and equipment were given by the Battalion.

A feature of the review was the public induction of fourteen new recruits by Major Edwards in the presence of 175 members of the battalion and the packed grandstand.

The evening concluded with an attack on an "escaped war prisoners' stronghold," in which the spectators were treated to the sight of a very satisfactory demolition.

Assisting in the review were Captain Gardner of Battery C, 379th C. A., and Lieut. Green, of the 766th M.P. Battalion.

— KEEP YOUR RANKS FILLED —

There comes a point when even the meekest buck private's patience can be exhausted by a tough sergeant's continual berating. Such a moment came in the life of Private De Graff one hot Tuesday morning. He took all that he could stand from the sergeant and suddenly, in a fit of spontaneous rage, threw his rifle to the ground. "Go ahead and break me," he cried angrily. "Make me a civilian!"



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